



Team Q, United Democratic Club

Dear Chair Ronen, Supervisor Mar, and Supervisor Stefani:

On behalf of Team Q of the United Democratic Club, we write in support of Board Member Cynthia (Cyn) Wang's nomination to the Entertainment Commission. Team Q is the LGBTQ Committee of one of San Francisco's largest and most active Democratic Clubs. Through outreach to the LGBTQ community and allies, we aim to give a platform for LGBTQ Democrats across San Francisco to foster civic and philanthropic engagement in a welcoming and non-judgemental space.

With COVID-19 threatening the survival of San Francisco's small businesses, arts, and entertainment sectors, we are facing unprecedented challenges. Currently, the LGBTQ community is saddened by the news of the impending closure of The Stud, one of San Francisco's oldest gay bars and live entertainment venue. Unfortunately, similar establishments that serve as a refuge and cultural beacon for the LGBTQ community are in peril across the city. Cyn, who found her queer identity and community in San Francisco's nightlife scene, knows that nightlife is central to queer culture. As representatives and activists within the LGBTQ community, we are confident she will advocate for the recovery of these spaces.

Cyn is a native San Franciscan, attorney, and small business advocate who has the qualifications and background to forge a path to recovery for the San Francisco entertainment community. Over the past several years, she has organized and spoken at a multitude of events, both with Team Q and other organizations throughout the city, in support of small business, queer political leadership, and equity and inclusion. Cyn also brings a strong background in municipal law, land use/zoning, and code enforcement, having served as Assistant City Attorney to South San Francisco, Hayward, and Los Altos Hills. She works at her family business serving the risk management needs of restaurants and entertainment establishments across California, making her very familiar with the challenges they face.

During a time of serious economic crisis that threatens the very survival of our entertainment and small business communities, we need someone with the skills to contribute to this important Commission immediately. We respectfully request that you recommend to your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Cynthia Wang's to the Entertainment Commission.

Sincerely,

Louise Fischer and Joel Engardio
Co-Chairs, Team Q of the United Democratic Club