

**From:** [Michael W. Bien](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Gay C. Grunfeld](#)  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld for Homeless Oversight Commission  
**Date:** Friday, March 10, 2023 12:41:23 PM

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I have lived and worked in San Francisco since 1980. (My home address is 359 Dorantes Avenue, San Francisco 94116; my work address is below.)

I have known and worked closely with Gay Grunfeld for more than 15 years. She is brilliant, dedicated, hard-working and reliable. She is highly motivated to volunteer her time for the cause of improving San Francisco for people who live and work here and is willing to take on the complex challenges posed by the population of unhoused people in San Francisco. I wholeheartedly recommend her for appointment to the Homeless Oversight Commission.

Michael Bien

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**From:** [Adrienne Harrold](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Message of Support for Gay C. Grunfeld's Application to Homeless Oversight Commission  
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Dear Mr. Young,

I write in support of Gay C. Grunfeld's application for a seat on the city's Homeless Oversight Commission.

I am a San Francisco resident with deep ties to the city, as my mother grew up in San Francisco—the daughter of Chinese immigrants who owned a restaurant and then a laundry in Pac Heights, first living in Chinatown and then the Inner Richmond.

I'm a civil rights attorney at RBGG (the first in my family to be a lawyer), where Gay is the managing partner. Gay is a big reason why I came to RBGG—because of her skill and leadership advocating on behalf of incarcerated clients and people who are discriminated against, and because of her tremendous mentorship of junior attorneys from diverse backgrounds like myself. Under her guidance, I specifically work with many people with disabilities or mental illness who are on parole in San Francisco, and it is unfortunately common for them to experience homelessness. Gay has helped me understand the local organizations who help unhoused individuals, and what resources might be available. One of my clients on parole includes, for example, an elderly veteran who was homeless, has a mobility disability that requires him to use a walker, and who was in and out of jail on technical parole violations (such as not being able to keep his GPS monitoring device charged because he did not have regular access to an electrical outlet)—we helped advocate for him to get housing, and he was able to be placed in a veterans transitional housing facility in SF.

Gay would make an excellent member on the Commission not only because of her deep knowledge of this issue, but also because she is a true pleasure to work with as a colleague.

Thank you for considering her application, and do not hesitate to reach out if I can help provide additional information.

Best,  
Adrienne

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**Subject:** Support for Tracey Mixon for HSH Oversight Commission  
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Greetings Rules Committee:

On behalf of Larkin Street Youth Services, please accept our sincere endorsement of Tracey Mixon to serve on the HSH Oversight Commission. Tracey is a dedicated, empathetic, and tireless advocate for families experiencing homelessness. Tracey also has lived expertise that can positively help inform processes and decisions that the Oversight Commission will take on in the coming year.

Please accept Tracey's candidacy for HSH Oversight Commission.

Thank you for your consideration!

-Marnie Regen, on behalf of Larkin Street Youth Services

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*Larkin Street creates a continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the street. We nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all. We live and work on the unceded ancestral homeland of the [Ramaytush Ohlone peoples](#) who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. We acknowledge that colonization continues to harm indigenous people and while a land acknowledgement is a first step in honoring the resiliency and resistance of the Ramaytush Ohlone people throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, our equity efforts cannot stop there. To learn about returning land to indigenous peoples please visit [LANDBACK](#) and [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#).*

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**From:** [Benjamin Bien-Kahn](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Gay Grunfeld's Appointment to Homeless Oversight Commission  
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Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing in support of Gay Grunfeld's candidacy for a seat on San Francisco's Homeless Oversight Commission.

I am a San Francisco native who returned to the city after moving away for college and law school. I lived in the Richmond district from 2011 - 2021, and now live in the Sunset, where I grew up. I care deeply about being able to find a real solution to homelessness in our city.

I support Gay Grunfeld's candidacy for the Homeless Oversight Commission because of her demonstrated commitment to the city, and to addressing the tragedy of homelessness. I have worked with Ms. Grunfeld for many years representing California parolees with disabilities. She made finding adequate housing for recently released incarcerated people with disabilities a top priority for our team, including both advocacy for individuals at risk of being released without housing, and systemic reforms to improve the pre-release planning and post-release assistance for people reentering society from prison. The Homeless Oversight Commission would greatly benefit from her experience and expertise.

Sincerely,  
Ben Bien-Kahn

March 10, 2023

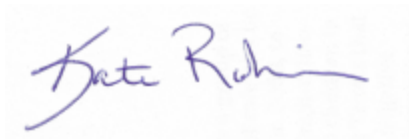
Dear Supervisors,

I have personally and professionally gained so much strength from working with Tracey Mixon; she is a true leader in the communities she serves. Tracey embodies servant leadership, dedication, and collaboration, and she uses her lived experiences to both represent and improve the lives of unhoused individuals in San Francisco. For these reasons and many more, I highly recommend Tracey for the Homelessness Oversight Commission.

Tracey worked for several years as a TLCBD Safe Passage Corner Captain when I was the program director. She is an advocate through and through - always modeling for others that lifting others up improves your own life in addition to the ones you serve. Tracey works tirelessly for families experiencing homelessness, as she experienced it firsthand. She brings true empathy and intelligence to her work and is a critical voice to represent her community.

Please consider me a reference if you have any questions regarding Tracey's experience and character. You will be inspired.

Thank you for your consideration,



Kate Robinson

Executive Director of TLCBD

**From:** [Chris Byers](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Homelessness Oversight Commission  
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Dear Mr. Young,

I write to provide my full support for the candidacy of Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld to join the Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC). I have lived in San Francisco for over thirty-five years and care deeply about our city and homelessness. I can think of no one better suited to attempt to address this issue than Gay. She is a wonderful person, lawyer and problem-solver and has spent much of her life acting on behalf of underrepresented people in our community. The City would be lucky to have her serve on the HOC.

Sincerely,

Chris Byers  
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**From:** [Devora Depper](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission  
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Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing in support of Gay C. Grunfeld's application to serve on the San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission. I have both resided and maintained a small business in San Francisco for over forty years. I am a psychologist and have observed with sadness, compassion, and concern the intractable problem of homelessness in our city. I can think of no finer candidate to serve on this commission. Ms. Grunfeld embodies the best possible qualities to serve. She is a longtime resident of San Francisco. She has dedicated her career to serving this population with hard work, and exceptional competence. She brings intellect, drive, experience, and compassion to this most difficult problem in our city.

If you need any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Sincerely,  
Devora S. Depper Ph.D.  
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SF, CA

**From:** [Emi](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ashsha.safai@sfgov.org](mailto:ashsha.safai@sfgov.org)  
**Cc:** [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [Burch, Percy \(BOS\)](#); [Barnes, Bill \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation in Support of Gay C. Grunfeld for the Homeless Oversight Commission  
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Dear Supervisors Dorsey, Walton and Safai:

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco. I have lived here continuously since 1982. I care deeply about this City and its community. I am aware of the importance of our Commissions in helping the City operate effectively. I served as a member and President of the Civil Service Commission from 1991-1994.

Homelessness is at a crisis. We spend a billion dollars a year on the homeless, yet their numbers have increased not decreased. We need the most capable among us to tackle this endemic problem. I heartily support the candidacy of Gay C. Grunfeld to the Homeless Oversight Commission.

Gay is without question, one of the best and the brightest; she has the skills, talent, compassion and expertise to help our City solve our homelessness issues. I have known Gay professionally and personally since 1985. She is brilliant, hard-working, result-oriented, and committed to serving the public good.

San Francisco needs to include Gay on the Homeless Oversight Commission. Please convey my strong recommendation of Gay to the Board of Supervisors. Our City will be better for her involvement on the HOC.

Sincerely, Emi Uyehara

**From:** [Sandra Ricci](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** "Gay C. Grunfeld"  
**Date:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:15:21 AM

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Dear Victor,

I have been a resident of San Francisco for 15 years. I love this city and get angry when I hear people saying they are leaving because of the homeless situation. I do believe the homeless problem has grown to an insurmountable situation. It is for this reason that I support Gay Grunfeld's application for a seat on the newly created Homeless Oversight Commission. She is a smart, no nonsense, woman who I know would do an incredible job in this role.

I look forward to seeing her approved.

Thank you,  
Sandra Ricci

**From:** [Janet Hobson](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld: Nominated for New Homeless Commission  
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I would like to recommend

- Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld for a seat on the new Homeless Commission.

Sincerely  
Janet Hobson

March 11, 2023

The Honorable Matt Dorsey  
Chair, Rules Committee  
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*Submitted via electronic mail*

**Re: File #230154 — Appointment to the Homeless Oversight Committee — Tracey Mixon — SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Dorsey and Committee Members,

On behalf of GLIDE, we proudly and enthusiastically offer our support for Tracey Mixon to the Homeless Oversight Committee. Tracey's career has been founded in improving opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, and we have the utmost respect for and faith in her as an advocate, organizer, and provider for the people of San Francisco.

Tracey's expertise is keen and lived. Formerly unhoused with her young daughter, she knows what it is like to be where many of our neighbors and loved ones currently are, and how to implement effective interventions to help people when they are at their most vulnerable and experiencing moments of crisis. A lifelong San Franciscan, too, she knows just as intimately how to balance wider community concerns and what is required when coordinating compassionate mutual aid and care.

As a Peer Organizer with Coalition on Homelessness, Tracey has grown into her current role leading citywide street outreach to a diverse cross-section of homeless and insecurely housed individuals, families, and youth. She also works directly with low-income working people, senior citizens, and people with disabilities living on small, fixed incomes in supportive housing and encampments, educating people on their rights and assisting them with housing, benefits, and medical systems navigation.

Tracey has been honored by the Board of Supervisors multiple times in recognition of her accomplishments and continued community support. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tracey's swift mobilizing resulted in homeless families being moved from potentially dangerous congregate settings into safer living conditions, and she more recently helped lead the charge to preserve the Oasis Family Shelter. Tracey was also an instrumental force in the passage of Prop C (2018), securing increased resources to improve opportunities and outcomes for thousands of San Franciscans.

Prior to joining Coalition on Homelessness, Tracey was a volunteer coordinator at GLIDE, forging personal connections with stakeholders and enhancing ongoing essential service efforts. A Tenderloin resident, her outreach and advocacy extend beyond her professional capacity, too. She served as a Corner Captain for Tenderloin Safe Passage, and is a member of the Planning Department's Tenderloin Community Advisory Group where she is highly respected for centering the experiences and uplifting the voices of her neighbors.

Tracey's skills and accomplishments as an advocate, organizer, and provider, and her exceptional dedication and compassion — especially for those living at the extreme edge of poverty and

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marginalization — all make her an ideal Homeless Oversight Committee candidate. Tracey's qualifications are exemplary and we are confident her inclusion will be an asset to the City. For questions about the organization's position, please write to me at [wsaver@glide.org](mailto:wsaver@glide.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Saver', with a stylized, cursive script.

Wesley Saver  
Senior Policy Manager, GLIDE

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**From:** [Murray](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Gay Grunfeld  
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Dear Mr Young

I am a San Francisco resident and have been since 2007. I enthusiastically and without reservation support the candidacy of Gay Grunfeld. Gay will work tirelessly to try and address the homeless challenges in our great city. There would be no other candidate, nearly as strong as Gay. She is exceptional and we will be the better for her participation.

Best regards.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathy](#)  
To: [Young, Bruce \(BO\)](#)  
Subject: I whole heartedly support the candidacy of Gay Crosthwait Grunfeld to the Homeless Oversight Commission  
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Dear Mr. Young,

I have lived in the Outer Richmond of San Francisco for almost 30 years. I love this city. I care deeply about the homeless, injustice and the inequalities of our society. The Bay Area has so much to be proud of, but it is abundantly clear we have a problem with homelessness and social injustice. I can think of no better person than Ms. Crosthwait Grunfeld to join the Homeless Oversight Commission (HOC). She is compassionate, smart, tenacious and holds a can-do attitude that can get this very complicated and entrenched job done. She is an exceptional attorney, a hard working and dedicated supporter of civil rights, a wonderful wife and mother, and a thoughtful neighbor and friend. I provide my full support for her candidacy to the HOC.

Sincerely,

Katharine Vila

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