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Good morning,
My name is Linda Parker Pennington. I reside in the Bayview and serve as a Commissioner on the Disability and Aging Services Commission.

I am submitting this in support of the reappointment of William Monroe Palmer to the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board. I met William in August 2022 and was immediately struck by his intelligence, insightfulness and integrity. He used his 31-year incarceration to transform himself into a champion for social justice and equity for the system impacted, creating his reentry nonprofit, Life After Next. William is a talented visual artist, and painted a mural in the family visiting room at San Francisco County Jail No. 2. William plays a vital role in mitigating the tragic cycle of incarceration and violence affecting our youth, through Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY).

In just a few years since coming to San Francisco, William has had a positive impact on countless returned citizens, families and community members. He is a model for what a person can do to rise above and help others overcome the continuing punitive injustices inherent in our criminal justice system. You can have confidence in his service as a member of the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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