

City and County of San Francisco
Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

2/25/2024

Dear Rules Committee members,

I strongly recommend Jenny Perez be appointed to the Veteran Affairs Commission for Seat 1. As the wife of an Iraq War Veteran, Jenny has personified what every military spouse should strive to be. Not only does she support her husband and the challenges he faces on a day-to-day basis, she also has reached out to the entire Bay Area Veteran community in the activities she supports. I was honored to meet her at just one of these such activities.

I met Jenny at the Presidio Riding Club (PRC) which hosts a casual Veteran event once a month, welcoming Vets from all over the Bay Area. Jenny prepares all of the food for the event which includes a welcome morning coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with snacks, followed by lunch of a traditional American BBQ. In addition to cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, Jenny prides herself in bringing homemade chili during the cooler months and again homemade macaroni and cheese the rest of the year. In addition to the food and conversation, Vets are welcomed to enjoy the horses at PRC. Bringing some ties to the military, in 2023, the Vets who feel comfortable in a fun challenge, guide horses through mini obstacle courses, providing both a bonding experience with the horse as well as a sense of accomplishment. The majority of the Vets who attend the PRC events are living in the Tenderloin and these days are their opportunity to leave the city behind, enjoy nature and for some experience something they have never done before. Without Jenny's participation, this event would be challenging to continue, since it is in the middle of the week, when many PRC horse owners would want to volunteer but are unable to.

As a Veteran who retired at the beginning of Covid, I have had to rely on Oakland Vet Center and the VA to assist with my transition to civilian life. Having a variety of supportive organizations, allows Veterans to find the ones that work for them. Although not a combat veteran, my many deployments to various countries, have resulted in my own challenges. Finding programs like the one at PRC are how I can get a day away from the norm, experience comradery I miss from the military and eat wonderful food. I am now a volunteer at these events as a result of Jenny's welcoming and supportive personality.

When I see Jenny, I see her passion for supporting Veterans. She reaches out to each individual, shares a story or a laugh, welcoming them to the event. I have personally watched over the last few years, many of the same faces returning each month. Jenny knows them and welcomes them by name. Jenny will bring her unique background and experience as a spouse of a Veteran. I know that she will make a significant contribution to the Veteran Affairs Commission.

Very respectfully,

//signed//

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City and County of San Francisco
Rules Committee
Clerk: Victor Young
City Hall Legislative Chambers, Room 250
Veteran Affairs Commission Appointments

Dear Rules Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Jenny Perez's appointment to the Veteran Affairs Commission. I have known Jenny for two to three years and can say, without hesitation, that she is one of the most caring, knowledgeable, organized, and determined people I have been honored to know.

As the wife of a Vietnam Veteran with PTSD and other health issues, I know the challenges of living and caring for a Veteran. I met Jenny through a VA spousal support group for Veteran's with PTSD. The group is a great resource for living with a Veteran with care needs and also learning how to take care of our self. Jenny is a wealth of information in these areas and has been instrumental in helping me negotiate the support programs in the VA system as well as the community. Her commitment to Veteran issues and needs is commendable and relentless. This is why I feel Jenny would be a major asset to the Veteran Affairs Commission. She has personal experience as the wife of a Veteran, as well as, a firm commitment to improving VA and community Veteran needs.

Because of her strong commitment, attention to detail, advocacy, empathy, and ability to listen, I strongly endorse Jenny for this position on the Veteran Affairs Commission.

Thank you for considering her for this important position. Please feel free to contact me if any questions.

Sincerely, Eleanor Prentice

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February 26, 2024

To Members Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton and Ansha Safai
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Rules Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Jenny Perez as a candidate for Veterans Affairs Commission Board Member. I have only known Ms. Perez for two years via a weekly online veteran's caregiver support group, but believe she is a person of the highest character.

I am a veteran, and am married and caregiver to a veteran who served in Vietnam. Our six person, weekly caregiver support group shares with each other the most emotionally intimate and difficult situations in our lives. During the time I've known Jenny, she has shown outstanding compassion, insight and empathy for those who are speaking. She is confident enough to share her own experiences even though it may be painful for her.

Jenny is a strong communicator who works with the group; often waiting until all others have stopped speaking to offer wisdom beyond her years. Jenny's presence creates a space for members of the group to participate in cohesive group discussions where they feel heard, understood and safe. Though Jenny has experienced her own challenges as a caregiver spouse, she maintains her objectivity when talking to others about their concerns.

I have no firsthand experience of Jenny's service to the community. But when she talks about her numerous community projects, she brings such enthusiasm and energy to the project that everyone who hears her wants to participate. She is passionate about veterans and their needs. I have no doubt she will bring the same energy, enthusiasm and dedicated passion to anything she participates in; including serving as a board member on the Veteran Affairs Commission Board.

I highly recommend Jenny Perez for a position on the board. Her talents for leadership, being a team player, communication and passion, in addition to being a spouse of a veteran, make her uniquely qualified for this position.

Please contact me at any time for additional information.

Sincerely,



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February 23, 2024

Members: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ansha Safai
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Dear Rules Committee Supervisors,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Jenny Perez's candidacy as Veteran Affairs Commission. Having known Jenny for over a decade, I can attest to her outstanding character, dedication, and remarkable ability to serve others selflessly. Jenny's commitment to caring for her spouse, a US Army veteran, exemplifies her deep compassion and sense of duty towards those who have served our country. Her role as a dedicated caretaker is a testament to her resilience, empathy, and unwavering support for our veterans.

In addition to her personal experiences, Jenny has consistently demonstrated her compassion and thoughtfulness towards others, including myself. During some of my darkest moments while navigating the challenges of raising a special needs son diagnosed with autism, Jenny has been a constant source of support and strength to my family. Her ability to empathize and provide support in many ways has made a profound impact on my life, and I am forever grateful for her friendship. Furthermore, Jenny's exceptional creativity, organizational skills, and her commitment to fostering connections within our community and group of friends is truly commendable. Despite the demands of our busy lives, Jenny consistently goes above and beyond to bring us together for moments of self-care and connection. Her dedication to nurturing relationships and fostering a sense of community is truly inspiring.

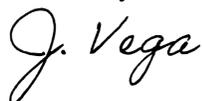
One particular instance that stands out is Jenny's initiative in organizing a special event during Memorial Day weekend in May of 2022 at the Golden Gate Bridge. While I was on a leave of absence to focus on my son's care, Jenny reached out to me to inquire about the permitting process. Recognizing my expertise in that area, I directed her to contact the Bridge Managers Office, where I serve as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy General Manager for the past 13 years. Jenny's proactive approach and willingness to seek guidance demonstrates her commitment to thoroughness and navigate processes effectively. Through her efforts, she coordinated an intimate event gathering for US Army Veteran Sergeant Major Michael Grinston. Her collaboration with Bridge Division Deputy General Manager David Rivera, himself a US Army Veteran, exemplifies her ability to build bridges and create meaningful connections.

Jenny's creativity, attention to detail, loyalty, and genuine concern for the well-being of others are qualities that make her exceptionally well-suited for the role of Veteran Affairs Commission. I have no doubt that she will approach this position with the same level of dedication and passion, if not more, that she brings to every aspect of her life.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Jenny's candidacy for Veteran Affairs Commission. Her deep commitment to serving others, coupled with her exceptional leadership qualities, make her an ideal candidate for this important role.

Thank you for considering Jenny's candidacy, and please feel free to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Veterans Affairs Commission
Attention: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ansha Safai
City Hall Legislative Chamber, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

February 24, 2024

Dear Supervisors,

This letter comes to highly recommend Jenny Perez for the Veterans Affairs Commission of San Francisco.

I have known and worked alongside Jenny for over five years, serving together as co-chairs for a volunteer program at the Presidio Riding Club in Sausalito directed to support Veterans of all ages.

The veterans program was initiated by Jenny and her husband Nick. Together their can-do attitude and resourcefulness made it happen. When the club said it couldn't provide transportation, Jenny and Nick worked to find a solution working with the Veterans Administration Justice Program. When the club couldn't find anyone to manage the program, Jenny stepped up.

Jenny's dedication to volunteering to run and manage the monthly veterans' program is a testament to not only her organizational skills and energy, but also her commitment to serving veterans.

Jenny is the driving and organizing force for the monthly veterans horse clinics, which include a welcome get together with introductions and snacks, followed by dedicated time working with individual horses, and finally a free BBQ and follow up time where veterans use their leadership and teamwork skills working together with the horses. Jenny is well known and loved by all the veterans who attend the day. She adds homemade dishes to the BBQ, which have become legendary favorites. She arrives 90 minutes early and is always the last to leave. And she always has a smile on her face.

Jenny brings not only her organizational skills, energy and positive attitude, but also demonstrates deep compassion as she interacts with each guest. Her ability to bring the group together and create a sense of community amongst the group of guests is a testament to her people skills.

Finally, Jenny is equally comfortable leading or collaborating as part of a team. She listens to others, respects their views, and helps steer the team to a solution everyone supports.

I've learned a lot from working with Jenny. I've learned what real compassion and commitment to others looks like. I've learned to listen to others. And I've learned how one person can have a truly positive effect on the lives of many others. I would be hard pressed to find another individual who could bring more to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Those who work with her will count themselves fortunate much as I do.

Respectfully,

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February 24, 2024

Members: Hilary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ansha Safai
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Dear Rules Committee Supervisors,

I am writing this letter with much enthusiasm that I endorse Jenny Perez to be considered as a Commissioner in the Veteran Affairs Commission.

Jenny has provided my family and myself of continuous, unwavering support throughout the decade that we have known each other. She is talented in communicating effectively with veterans and providing support in a way that is welcomed and comfortable to those who are struggling.

The effects of Jenny's care have trickled over to other members whom I have served with. Her knowledge has helped the veterans receive better and consistent care within the VA. It has also helped them access benefits that they were entitled to. All of this have significantly improved my brother's lives.

I can speak on Jenny's moral character. Jenny is devoted and honest. She possesses a strong, strong sense of integrity, and is resolute to her mission and responsibilities. In my humble opinion, Jenny is a deserving candidate for the commissioner position.

Sincerely,



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February 24, 2024

Members: Hilary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ansha Safai
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Dear Rules Committee Supervisors,

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to endorse Jenny Perez for the position of Veteran Affairs Commissioner.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that Jenny served as a catalyst that guided my family to recovery. Before Jenny entered into our lives, my veteran husband found his medical and psychological support systematically taken away by his employer. It left him a broken shell of a man - non-verbal, unable to care for himself, with suicidal ideation (and ultimately unemployed and unemployable). I reached out for help to various sources, including the VA, but was either redirected to a dead end, or simply turned away. We were in survival mode and then we met Jenny. She lent us, her strength and courage while ours were waning and she wholeheartedly welcomed us into her own support system and helped us rebuild ours. Additionally, Jenny not only directed us to the help we needed, she was incredibly generous with her time, resources, and patience as she handheld us through the Caregiver application process. My family is healthy because of Jenny.

Jenny's passion for the care and thriving of veterans is not just limited to those within her vicinity. She was an unwavering advocate for Veteran prioritized housing within the BMR program. In 2022 Jenny's contagious passion rallied those around her and we gathered in forced to speak in support of the then ordinance - to prioritize housing for veterans. The rally exemplifies, Jenny's unique strength and leadership, community, outreach, and her ability to liaison between supporters, media, supervisors and commissioners.

Jenny is a conscientious, organized and self-motivated individual who is not just an empathetic listener but also a persuasive speaker. She is courageous in the face of adversity, and is gifted with the ability to problem solve in the most imaginative way. Above all else, Jenny finds great satisfaction, and sharing her knowledge and support with veterans, and their families. This sense of deep kindness is not just felt but appreciated by those around her.

I believe Jenny has the appropriate quality, experience and personality for the position of commissioner, and would bring much contributions to the required duties.

Thank you for considering Jenny's candidacy. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Chun-lin Hung



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February 24, 2024

Members: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ansha Safai
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Dear Rules Committee Supervisors,

I've penned this letter to offer my earnest backing of Jenny Perez's candidacy to become a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. You will not find a more certified individual, as a spouse and caregiver to a U.S. Army veteran, to serve in the position of Seat 1 on the Veteran Affairs Commission.

Jenny and I became acquainted through her spouse as we are both veterans. I immediately connected with Jenny because of her kind heart and ability to meet me where I was during my personal journey of learning how to re-connect with normal society after 29-years in the military. Impressive, was Jenny's knowledge of veteran services in San Francisco but also Federal services/benefits for disabled veterans like me.

I can think of no better advocate than Jenny Perez to offer counsel to the leadership of San Francisco and represent the more that 20,000 veterans who call San Francisco home, considering a primary role of the Commission is to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on issues pertaining to veterans

The veterans, spouses, and caregivers need a champion who understands first-hand the plight of veterans who served their country and came home damaged, frayed, and frail. Jenny's personal experiences accessing and implementing the services San Francisco offers veterans uniquely positions her to underpin the Mayor's and Board of Supervisors understanding of the challenges faced by veterans. Jenny also brings a Latina perspective that would bolster diversity of thought. The Department of Defense reports 17.2% of active duty members identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Latina, Jenny's appointment adds unique voice to the Veterans Affairs Commission that benefits the City of San Francisco.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer some insights on the amazing person and value Jenny would bring serving as a member of the Veterans Affairs Commission. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Kind Regards,



Gregory Scott Carr, Lt. Cmdr. U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.)

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February 25, 2024

Members: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton and Ansha Safai

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Dear Rules Committee Supervisors,

I wish to express my support for appointing Jenny Perez to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. She is level headed, creative, compassionate, well informed and works hard for veterans.

Approximately a year and a half ago Jenny and I connected around our support for our husbands who are both disabled veterans and the needs we encounter as their caregivers. In the time I've know her she has become my go to person regarding veteran issues and accessing programs for them and their families. Her knowledge of the veteran experience and their needs is vast. She can assist with completing VA related applications and correspondence to informing veterans about group activities that can reduce their stress. A couple of such stress reducing programs are about horse handling/riding and sailing, two activities that aren't readily available for many veterans due to cost.

Jenny is focused on the needs of the veteran community and is well organized and informed and capable to act upon those needs. She is a calm yet has a great sense of humor and enough energy to carry out her duties. She is a empathetic and supportive friend to me and other women and men in the veteran community. Jenny is dedicated to veterans and would be the best person for the position.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Wright-Moore

JENNY L PEREZ

Areas of Expertise

- Strategic Leadership, Team Building & Spearheading Process Improvements, and Exceeding project goals
- Process Optimization & Efficiency Improvement
- Coaching, Training, Project Management, KPI/Metric
- Known for improving operational efficiencies, increasing customer satisfaction, and decreasing operational costs
- Demonstrated ability as an energetic, vibrant, proactive team leader and a dedicated performer in high-pressure environments.

Professional History

MUFG Union Bank, San Francisco *Senior Compliance Officer VP, Nor-Cal Regional Leader for Serve*

- **Data Breach Response Leadership:** As Senior Compliance Officer at MUFG Union Bank, I directed compliance monitoring and significantly strengthened regulatory conformity. I crafted and oversaw Standard Operating Procedures, led incident responses and threat assessments, and drove effective remediation strategies. My role was instrumental in delivering comprehensive Data Breach Response training and extending the program globally, bolstering the bank's security posture and international reputation.
- **Executive Report:** Developed and produced monthly executive management reports, providing key insights into compliance status and improvements.
- **Strategic Compliance Influence:** Advised executives and management on emerging compliance issues and guided compliance officers in establishing robust policies, procedures, and controls.
- **Ascended to Leadership:** After 4 months of being part of SERVE, a veteran group in MUFG, my promotion to Regional Leader, reflecting my ability to inspire confidence and assume responsibility.
- **Advocated for Diversity at Leadership Event:** Participated in a pivotal leadership event alongside 150 company members to address the urgent need for diversity and inclusion, underscoring the company's mission to retain talent and prevent attrition. Spotlighted how Veterans are important for MUFG
- **Advocated for Integrity and Inclusion:** I led initiatives at the bank aimed at retaining and hiring veterans by partnering with veteran-focused nonprofits to identify candidates interested in banking careers. Within a month of approving vendors, MUFG successfully hired 15 veterans.

Visa Inc, Foster City

Information Security Specialist, GIS Development

- **Led Information Security Management:** Spearheaded the day-to-day management of information security exceptions, ensuring time-efficient, deadline-oriented, effective closure.
- **Improved Risk Management Processes:** Exceeded expectations in supporting risk-related findings, creating comprehensive reports for executive management.
- **Spearheaded Project Organization:** Established and maintained SharePoint for structured, systematic, orderly project deliverable organization and library management.
- **Enhanced Governance Reporting:** Developed and managed management reports, improving the decision-making process for Governance Committees.

Ecalix, Fremont / Pleasanton, CA

Business Development, Client Executive Manager

- **Drove Workshop Initiatives:** Spearheaded workshops with CEO, leading to the creation of core business concepts and enhancing client relationships.

- **Expanded Client Network:** Increased clientele base through effective networking, cold-calling, and participation in conferences.
- **Led Business Development Strategies:** Directed company placement with vendors and clients, including leading on-site business presentations.
- **Cultivated Client Relationships:** Improved client on-boarding processes and maintained high levels of customer satisfaction.
- **Managed Company Events:** Organized and executed company meetings and events, boosting marketing efforts and operational efficiency.
- **Grew Company Resources:** Increased company staff from 3 onsite employees to over 27, and managed over 100 contingent workers.
- **Negotiated and Managed Contracts:** Successfully negotiated contracts, managing all terms and conditions to support project completions.

Getfugu, San Francisco, CA

Manager A&D

- **Directed Company Advancement:** Led the development of a mobile application startup, contributing significantly to its public launch.
- **Increased Investor Engagement:** Developed compelling presentations and demos for potential investors, enhancing funding opportunities.

Wells Fargo, San Francisco, CA

Treasury Management

- **Optimized Operational Plans:** Improved the implementation of operational plans in Treasury Management Services, focusing on risk management and compliance.

PWC – Kaiser Permanente – Walnut Creek, CA

Audit Support, Project Management Office

- **Streamlined Compliance Processes:** Enhanced the management of IT issues involving SOX and HIPAA, offering critical internal audit support.
- **Exceeded Project Management Goals:** Led the planning and tracking of IT projects, ensuring delivery within scope, schedule, and budget.

Technical Skills

- Proficient in various system tools within Healthcare and Financial Institutions, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Tools, and Macintosh, IOS.

Compliance Knowledge

- HIPAA, SOX, Right to Financial Privacy Act, Patriot Act, Reg D, E,Z, Dodd-Frank Act, PCI, CAN-SPAM Act, U.S. Privacy Act of 1974, GLBA, COPPA, NIST, AML/CTF

Education & Professional Development

- BS in Architecture, Escuela de Arquitectura Guadalajara
- Business Management Program, San Francisco Community College
- Bilingual: Fluent in Spanish and English

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February 25, 2024

Veterans Affairs Committee
City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Jenny Perez – Veterans Affairs Commission Position

Dear Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am writing to formally express my enthusiastic support for Jenny Perez as a candidate for the position at the Veterans Affairs Commission. Having had the privilege of knowing Jenny for two decades, I am pleased to attest to her exceptional character, profound passion, steadfast dedication, and selfless commitment to serving others.

Over the years, I have witnessed Jenny's outstanding qualities firsthand. She has dedicated her life to providing care and support as the primary caregiver to her husband, a US Army Veteran. This profound commitment stands as clear evidence of her dedication and selflessness in aiding those who have sacrificed so much in service to our nation.

On a personal level, Jenny served as my maid of honor at my wedding, a role she undertook with utmost dedication and grace. Despite facing personal difficulties at the time, she selflessly set aside her challenges to support and be present for me and my husband on our special day. Jenny's capacity to prioritize and dedicate her support during a challenging period speaks volumes about her resilience and commitment to meaningful relationships. Her actions have left a lasting impression, and I genuinely appreciate her and deeply value our friendship.

I firmly believe that Jenny's unique blend of personal qualities and experiences positions her as an excellent candidate for the Veterans Affairs Commission. Her proven dedication to the well-being of our veterans and her compassionate nature makes her an ideal fit for a role that requires empathy, understanding, and a genuine commitment to serving those who have served our country.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. I am confident that Jenny will contribute significantly to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Sincerely,

Lissette Cristol

Dear Members of the Board, Rules Committee,

I would very much like to recommend Jenny Perez for the appointment of Seat 1 on the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission. Jenny is a colleague, a fellow Presidio Riding Club sponsor and a dear friend.

For the last two years I have been working side by side with Jenny at the Presidio Riding Club (PRC). I have learned so much from her involvement with the Horsemanship Day Program, which she organizes and supports, at PRC. From teaching Veterans how to handle horses and what true hormanship looks like, to listening to Veterans and their personal stories, to feeding veterans so they can stay focused on the horses, Jenny is always **involved and ever-present**. Jenny is a **natural leader**, helping communicate between various organizations so that the Horsemanship Day Program is continually well attended and funded. Jenny is **organized and effective**, ensuring that there are enough volunteers on hand to help manage the horses, enough food for the veterans to feed the horses and enough food for every Veteran who walks into the barn. Jenny is a **team player**, always making sure everyone, both volunteers and Veterans, feel involved and heard.

Working with Jenny at PRC has changed my life. Being one of her volunteers for the equestrian program has effected me in a deep and profound way. I understand the power of healing with equine assisted therapy because I see it first hand in the faces of the Veterans who come to the program and continue to return, month after month. I can't think of a more dedicated person to serve the local Veterans of this great city, then Jenny Perez. Jenny is worthy of a seat on the Veteran Affairs Commission. I hope you consider her for this honorable position.

Sincerely,

Anwen Loosley



February 23, 2024

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California, 94102-4689

Dear Committee,

I enthusiastically endorse Prince Jordan for the upcoming term as a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I have had the privilege of working with Prince for more than three years where we both support the cadets and families of Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy (OMI) in Oakland.

Our mission at OMI is to provide the very best opportunity for our cadets to reach and succeed in leading universities and colleges. As a veteran of the United States Navy and currently serving member of California's State Guard, Prince embodies the spirit of Integrity, Selfless Service, and Continuous Community Improvement. This is evident in Prince's dedication to our school and his alma mater where he is frequently engaged in campus mentoring and off-campus community engagement. It was humbling this past December, to see him excel as Chair and principal organizer of ceremonies during the veteran service remembrance event Wreaths Across America at the San Francisco National Cemetery.

Before my federal retirement as Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the California National Guard in 2022, I worked alongside federal, state, and local government officials on multiple initiatives intended to support Servicemember quality of life. I know Prince shares many of my opinions and will work with every San Francisco veteran. Even if it requires him to escort them to the Veterans Administration (VA) to establish a 0% disability rating which would be enough for that veteran to establish VA care. This I know this is effort Prince has already undertaken and will continue to do so in the future.

The commitment needed for San Francisco to nationally lead the way in veterans' support is a tall order. But I assure you Prince has the temperance and compassion to engage every area veteran. He is well-versed in the veteran's legislation, state veteran entitlements, and city support partnerships to the point where I can say in confidence, that if selected as a commission member, he will exceed the expectation of the Supervisors as well as your Constituents.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.