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Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl., Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee:


I am writing in support of Commissioner Ann Caen's reappointment to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

Ms. Caen has been on the Commission for 19 years. As Commissioner, she prioritized the rebuild of our City's core water and wastewater infrastructure. Through our Water System Improvement Program (WSIP), we have rebuilt our dams, our major pipelines and other key infrastructure points to help ensure we can continue to deliver water after a major seismic event. As Commissioner, Ann approved the master plan and funding program for these projects. She then held staff accountable to make sure ratepayers were getting value for their investments. Thanks to the work of Commissioner Caen, SFPUC staff and many others, the WSIP is more than 90% complete and has become a model for infrastructure improvement.

With the WSIP winding down, the SFPUC has launched its Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) to rebuild and upgrade our City's aging sewer infrastructure. With her experience from the "birth" of WSIP through its near completion, Commissioner Caen is uniquely qualified to help ensure the SFPUC delivers the SSIP in a manner that meets the needs of the City's residents and businesses.

This may seem like a small thing, but Commissioner Caen actually reads the packets of information sent to her so that she can be an active participant in Commission meetings. She often asks questions about items based on the reading and her understanding of the history and her grasp of the issues involved. As a former General Manager of the SFPUC, I know that I benefited greatly from Ann's experience and sage advice. I highly recommend her for reappointment to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,



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