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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS)
Cc: Evans, Derek
Subject: A THANK YOU for your support of Judge Quentin Kopp and the Ethics Commission

Dear Chair Safai and Rules Committee Members:

Friends of Ethics deeply appreciate your full consideration of the appointment for the Ethics Commission vacancy and the application of retired Judge Quentin Kopp.

As former Ethics Commissioners, past members of several Civil Grand Juries that reported on ethics, and past San Francisco Common Cause coordinators, we have been attentive to the Ethics Commission's mission, performance and role in advancing good government. In the past we have too often been disappointed, but have always worked to support improvements.

The Commission's hiring of LeeAnn Pelham as Executive Director beginning last January marked one of the most significant steps forward in many years. The appointment of retired Judge Kopp to fill the remaining months of a Commission seat is another important step forward.

As you noted, his experience as a candidate and elected official is unique in the Commission's 22-year history, and his service as a judge adds further critical legal experience.

This will be invaluable as the Commission confronts a changed political and legal landscape, as the Supreme Court considers important issues affecting campaign law, and as those changes filter down to our local elections. Beyond that, new tools allow for greater transparency, and public access place stronger demands on the Commission to reboot a system that helps the public to understand the interests and impacts of these changes.

Thank you again for a recommendation that we believe helps the Commission and the public improve accountability and transparency in City government.

Sincerely,

Larry Bush, member, 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury, Ethics investigation committee
Robert Dockendorff, Ethics Commissioner, 1996-2000
Don Ellison, SF Common Cause Coordinator
Allegra Fortunati, Civil Grand Jury (2011-2012 and 2014-2015)
Hulda Garfalo, chair, 2010-2011 Civil Grand Jury, Ethics investigation committee
Joseph Kelly, member, 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury, Ethics investigation committee
Charles Marstaller, SF Common Cause Coordinator (1995-2000)
Paul Melbostad, Chair, Ethics Commission (2002-2003), Vice Chair (2000-2001),
Member (1996-2003), Member, Board of Appeals (1988-1992)

Robert Planthold, Vice Chair, Ethics Commission (2002-2003), Chair (2003-2004)
Sharyn Saslafsky, Ethics Commission member
Elena Schmid, Foreperson, 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury, Ethics investigation
committee
Robert van Ravenswaay, Chair, 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury, Ethics investigation
committee