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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer, Supervisor, District 1

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The Honorable London Breed, Supervisor, District 5

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Re: **Support for Re-Appointment of Quentin Kopp to Ethics Commission**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I deeply appreciate the Rules Committee unanimously forwarding to the full Board of Supervisors yesterday a strong recommendation to approve re-appointing Quentin Kopp to the Ethics Commission for a full term.

I strongly support former Judge Kopp's re-appointment to San Francisco's Ethics Commission for a six-year term ending on February 1, 2023. Since his appointment to the Ethics Commission in 2016, Mr. Kopp has served admirably.

Over the 27 years he served as a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, a member of the State Senate, and a Superior Court Judge, Mr. Kopp has long been a strong advocate of open government in our City. Kopp clearly has demonstrated during his tenure on the Superior Court that he is exceptionally impartial, and is obviously very knowledgeable about California state law and San Francisco's open government and ethics laws.

His service as a board member of California's First Amendment Coalition is additional evidence of his dedication to clean, honest government. To the extent Ethics Commissioner Peter Keane was correct in 2016 that Mr. Kopp "can sniff out a rat better than any terrier," Quentin was precisely the type of Commissioner the Ethics Commission was sorely in need of in 2016, and continues to be. Commissioner Kopp is an excellent choice to retain as an Ethics Commissioner.

Please forward a unanimous recommendation in support of Mr. Kopp's re-appointment to Ethics to the full Board of Supervisors. He is extremely competent, and deserves your unanimous support.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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