

September 5, 2018

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee:

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dion-Jay (DJ) Brookter. Mr. Brookter will make an ideal commissioner on the San Francisco Police Commission. In my current role as the Executive Director of Hunters Point Family, which partners with the San Francisco Police Department, and works in parallel with the SFPD to ensure some of our City's most dangerous intersections are safe and clean, I have worked with DJ and continuously been impressed with his character and ability to work with communities and groups he encounters. I have had the opportunity to partner with YCD, with DJ as the lead, on several other workforce projects that serve some of our most in-risk community members, and I have had the opportunity to observe his work ethic, professionalism, and compassion for our most vulnerable community members. In these capacities, I have always experienced DJ as a fair and compassionate leader who is willing to make hard decisions and stand up for his beliefs; thus, I believe DJ is an ideal person to serve as commissioner on this high-profile commission.

I also had the opportunity to work with DJ at the Southeast Commission when he was the executive director of the commission and later when he left that position to fill an open commission seat. The Hunters Point Family's main offices are located at the Southeast Commission facility, so DJ and I were in daily communication. DJ was an outstanding Executive Director and Commissioner. He is very involved in the community, works extremely well with others, understands complex social issues and is pragmatic in his decisions and actions. As a commissioner, DJ has always been prepared going into meetings, going beyond just reading the commission materials, but understanding the background materials and issues prior to the meetings. Sometimes these are very contentious meetings, with angry community members yelling at the commission or other community members. DJ has always conducted himself with professionalism, patience and knowledge of the issues and an openness for new solutions. In fact, I often turn to DJ to get a deeper understanding of the issues the commission addresses.

DJ will bring an important perspective and voice to the police commission. Having worked with disadvantaged populations, being an advocate for social justice, and balancing the need for law and order, with the need for communities disproportionately impacted by crime to feel that the police are listening to their concerns-DJ will provide a balanced perspective and never sacrifice his principles for policy. Should you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at (415) 410-8416.

Sincerely,

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August 9, 2018

To The Members of SF Board of Supervisors' Rule Committee:

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Thank you,

Steve Good

Executive Director

