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Completed by: Victor Young

Date Oct 12, 2018

Completed by: Linda Wong

Date October 18, 2018

1 [Appointment, Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee -  
2 Joanna Powell]

3 **Motion appointing Joanna Powell, term ending July 1, 2020, to the Children, Youth and**  
4 **Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.**

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6       MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does  
7 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated person to serve as a member of the Children,  
8 Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, pursuant to the provisions of  
9 Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, and Charter, Section 16.108-1, for the term  
10 specified:

11       Joanna Powell, seat 11, succeeding Rob Gitin, resigned, shall be a person who has  
12 demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth  
13 and families, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending July 1, 2020.



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 11 District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Nadiyah R. Shereff

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**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I have had the pleasure of working with a wide range of populations from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. My experience includes working with children, youth, adults and senior citizens. The populations served include individuals and families who reside in public housing, those who are homeless, suffer from substance abuse and mental health illnesses as well as those impacted by the child welfare and criminal/juvenile justice system. My compassion, understanding, and dedication to the empowerment of children, youth and their families is evident in the job positions I've held. My work in the social services field brings me in contact with the full spectrum of individuals in the City and County of San Francisco.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

Currently, I am the Program Assistant for a program that supports current and former foster youth at San Francisco State University. As part of my duties, I am responsible for helping to improve access to resources and opportunities for the youth we serve.


Over the past 10 years, I've worked in community based organizations and have engaged in direct social service and community organizing. I've had the pleasure of serving diverse populations including children and youth. In my various roles I've cultivated strong relationships and partnerships with local community agencies and organizations that align with the community's needs. In my role as a parenting education for incarcerated parents, I provided in custody and community support to parents/caregivers. I also have experience working with families experiencing divorce/separation, providing parenting education, child development education and emotional support services to parents and their children. In addition, I've helped individuals and families identify and access concrete support in times of need.

**Civic Activities:**

I have served on several boards and committees including: the National Juvenile Justice Network's Youth Justice Leadership Institute Alumni Advisory Committee (2015 - present), San Francisco Youth Commission's Youth Justice Committee (2008-2009), Georgetown Center for Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy Advisory Board (Marginalized Girls: Creating Pathways to Opportunities - 2011-2012), and San Francisco Juvenile Advisory Council (2012-2013).

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

Appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors require an appearance before the Rules Committee. Once your application is received, the Rules Committee Clerk will contact you when a hearing is scheduled. *(Please submit your application 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Date: 7/13/18 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children and Youth Fund OAC

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Vacant Seat 11 District:

Name: Joanna L. Powell

Home Address: [Redacted] St., San Francisco, CA Zip: 94114

Home Phone: [Redacted] Occupation: Attorney

Work Phone: (323) 422-8793 Employer: Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost LLP

Business Address: 70 Washington St., Ste. 205, Oakland, CA Zip: 94607

Business E-Mail: joanna.lauren.powell@gmail.com Home E-Mail: [Redacted]@gmail.com

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Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes [X] No [ ] If No, where registered:

Resident of San Francisco [X] Yes [ ] No If No, place of residence:

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

San Francisco's charter requires that its appointive boards reflect the diversity that makes this city great. Like many San Franciscans, I am not a native. I grew up in Los Angeles, spent nearly a decade on the East Coast (in school and as an ESL teacher), and moved to San Francisco in 2013 because I dreamed of spending the rest of my life here. I now own an apartment in the Mission, live in Duboce Triangle, and have worked downtown and in the Tenderloin; as a result, I have witnessed the challenges and successes of a range of neighborhoods within the city. In addition, I am a cancer survivor and in that sense represent others in San Francisco struggling with disease and disability. As a white person and U.S. citizen, I know that I enjoy myriad advantages that others (including my former students) do not; in response, I strive to acknowledge these advantages, as well as hear and amplify the voices of those who are not similarly privileged.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I am a former elementary school teacher now working as an education lawyer. My commitment to ensuring that all children receive a quality education motivated me to become an ESL teacher in the Bronx after graduating cum laude from Yale University. Frustrated by the limited impact that I had in the classroom, I enrolled at NYU Law in order to study education law and policy. I previously worked as an education litigator at a large law firm and then clerked for a federal judge and now work at a school law firm where I assist school districts with board governance, special education, charter school, and labor matters.

It would be a privilege to put my skills and passion to work on the OAC. Through my teaching and legal work experiences, I am well versed in teaching best practices, data analysis, strategic planning, curriculum development, Common Core, teacher training and evaluation, and ESL and special education programs.

**Civic Activities:**

- Vice President, Board of Education, Thomas Edison Charter Academy (a 700-student, TK-8 charter school in the Mission)
- Volunteer Tutor, SMART (a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing low-income students with access to an exceptional education)
- Member, Leadership for Educational Equity (a nonprofit leadership development organization working to end the injustice of educational inequity by inspiring and supporting a diverse set of leaders with classroom experience)
- Member, the Tartines (beauty shop quartet)

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?    Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. *(Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Date: August 20, 2018 Applicant's Signature: (required) Joanna L. Powell

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

## JOANNA L. POWELL

[REDACTED], San Francisco, CA 94114  
[REDACTED] // joanna.lauren.powell@gmail.com

### EDUCATION

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#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., Spring 2013

Honors: Teach For America/LeBoeuf Lamb Emerging Law Leaders Scholar  
Activities: Managing Editor of *N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change*  
Chair of Education Law & Policy Society  
Research Assistant to Professor Peggy Davis  
Litigation, Organizing, and Systemic Change Clinic

#### CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, Bronx, NY

M.S. Ed., Winter 2011

#### YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

B.A. in Political Science with Distinction, *cum laude*, Spring 2008

Honors: *Pi Sigma Alpha* National Political Science Honor Society

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### FAGEN FRIEDMAN & FULFROST LLP, Oakland, CA

*Associate Attorney*, Summer 2017-Present

Represents California school districts in litigation, charter school, labor and employment, and special education matters.

#### GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP, San Francisco, CA

*Associate Attorney*, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Practice focused on education litigation, including *Vergara v. California*, *Bain v. California Teachers Association*, and *Houston Federation of Teachers v. Houston Independent School District*. Also maintained extensive pro bono practice.

#### SUCCESS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, New York, NY

*Legal Intern*, Spring 2012

Drafted charter applications, created legal fact sheets, and revised state legislation to ensure alignment with Academy's mission and goals.

#### NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, New York, NY

*Legal Intern*, Summer 2011

Prepared witnesses and developed legal strategies for administrative hearings regarding administrator and teacher termination.

#### TEACH FOR AMERICA, Bronx, NY

*Teacher*, Summer 2008-Summer 2010

Led two second grade ESL classes to significant academic gains. Elected to Curriculum Mapping Team and School Leadership Team, a coalition of administrators, teachers, union officers, students, and parents responsible for allocating the school's budget among multiple program options.

### CLERKSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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#### U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, San Francisco, CA

*Law Clerk*, Summer 2016-Summer 2017

Law Clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth D. Laporte. Conducted legal research and draft bench memoranda and orders on a wide range of legal topics.

#### CENTER FOR PUBLIC RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP, New York, NY

*Graduate Fellow*, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Through interdisciplinary graduate program at Columbia University dedicated to preparing leaders to transform public education, served as consultant to New York City Department of Education's Division of Talent, Labor & Innovation, and New York City Leadership Academy.

#### EDUCATION PIONEERS, New York, NY

*Graduate Fellow*, Summer 2011

Member of highly selective fellowship program dedicated to improving public education in the United States.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Proficient Spanish. Enjoy singing with beauty shop quartet, tutoring with SMART, and jogging with rescue dogs.

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August 20, 2018

Dori Caminong  
Community Engagement Manager  
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Dear Ms. Caminong,

I am writing to apply to serve on the Children and Youth Fund's Oversight and Advisory Committee. I am a former elementary school teacher now working as an education lawyer, and I believe that my varied education policy experiences would allow me to be a strong contributor to the OAC.

I have long been committed to ensuring that all children receive a quality education. This commitment motivated me to join Teach For America as a second grade ESL teacher after graduating cum laude from Yale University. Teaching was inspiring and humbling, and remains the hardest thing I've ever done. Frustrated by the limited impact that I had in the classroom, I enrolled at NYU Law in order to study education law and policy. I then worked as an education litigator at a large law firm and clerked for a federal judge. Currently, I work at a public interest law firm that represents California school districts. I serve in a general counsel role, assisting districts with board governance, special education, charter school, and labor matters.

In addition, I serve as Vice President of the Thomas Edison Charter Academy's Board of Education, in which role I oversee the academic and fiscal success of one of San Francisco's largest public charter elementary schools. I also serve as a volunteer tutor at SMART, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing low-income students with access to excellent educational opportunities.

My professional experiences have allowed me to hone a range of skills that would serve me well as a member of the OAC. I am hardworking, reliable, and attentive to detail. Even more importantly, I work well on diverse teams; I listen actively, communicate constructively, use time wisely, and help maintain the group's focus on top priorities.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to serve children in my community through membership on the OAC.

Sincerely,  
Joanna Powell

CC: Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



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## VACANCY NOTICE

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Replaces All Previous Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancies and term expirations (**in bold**), appointed by the Board of Supervisors:

Seat 7, Jada Curry, term expiring July 1, 2020, shall be a person who is a disconnected transitional-aged youth, as that term is used in Charter, Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by disconnected transitional-aged youth and with services, programs, and systems for them, for a two-year term.

Seat 8, Winnie Chen, term expiring July 1, 2019, shall be a person who is a parent or guardian of a child, which child is enrolled in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the member's appointment for the term. This member shall be from a low-income community or have expertise or substantial experience working to promote the interests of communities of color and shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families, for a two-year term.

**Seat 9**, succeeding Sarah Thompson-Peer, term expired, shall be a person who is a parent or guardian of a child, which child, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 5 years and enrolled in a publicly-subsidized or City-funded program. This member shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending July 1, 2020.

Seat 10, Eddy Xiao Fei Zheng, term expiring July 1, 2019, shall be a person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved, for a two-year term.

**Vacant Seat 11**, succeeding Rob Gitlin, resigned, shall be a person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth and families, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending July 1, 2020.

**Exclusions:** Current City employees who are at the department head or deputy department head level of authority, San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) employees who are at the Director or Assistant Superintendent level of authority or higher, and current employees or members of the board of directors for organizations where the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) is the decision-maker for funding may not serve as members of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. A part-time intern with a DCYF-funded organization who is 24 years old or younger shall not be considered an employee of that organization.

**Report:** None.

**Sunset Date:** None.


Additional Information relating to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, or other seats on this body that are appointed by another authority, may be obtained by reviewing Charter, Section 16.108-1, and Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, available at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes>, or at the Committee website: <http://www.dcyf.org/index.aspx?page=50>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors website at [http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application) or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Committee is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.*

*Further Note: Additional seats on this body may be available through other appointing authorities, including the Mayor's Office.*

  
for Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

DATED/POSTED: August 7, 2018

San Francisco  
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Date Printed: March 23, 2017

Date Established:

March 15, 2015

Active

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**Contact and Address:**

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1390 Market Street, Suite 900  
Department of Children, Youth and Their Families  
San Francisco, CA 94102

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**Authority:**

Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, and Charter, Section 16.108-1 (Ordinance No. 15-15)

**Board Qualifications:**

The Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (Oversight and Advisory Committee) was established pursuant to Charter, Section 16.108-1 (adopted by the voters as part of Proposition C at the November 2014 election), to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), to monitor and participate in the administration of the Children and Youth Fund, and to take steps to ensure the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members, as follows:

Appointed by the Mayor (effective 30 days after transmittal of the "Notice of Appointment" to the Board of Supervisors, who may hold a public hearing but cannot reject the appointment)

> Seat 1: A youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment for the term, recommended to the Mayor by the Youth Commission (this member is not subject to the elector requirement since they may be younger than 18 years old).

> Seat 2: A youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment for the term, recommended to the Mayor by the Youth Commission (this member is not subject to the elector requirement since they may be younger than 18 years old).

> Seat 3: A parent or guardian of a youth, which youth, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 18 years and enrolled in the San Francisco Unified

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School District. This member shall have demonstrated commitment to improving access to the quality of services for children, youth and families.

- > Seat 4: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in services and programs for children ages 5 and younger.
- > Seat 5: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved.
- > Seat 6: A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families in communities that are low-income or underserved.

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

- > Seat 7: A person who is a disconnected transitional-aged youth, as that term is used in Charter, Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by disconnected transitional-aged youth and with services, programs, and systems for them.
- > Seat 8: A parent or guardian of a child, which child is enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade at the time of the member's appointment for the term. This member shall be from a low-income community or have expertise or substantial experience working to promote the interests of communities of color and shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families.
- > Seat 9: A parent or guardian of a child, which child, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 5 years and enrolled in a publicly-subsidized or City-funded program. This member shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families.
- > Seat 10: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved.
- > Seat 11: A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth and families.

Exclusions: Current City employees who are at the department head or deputy department head level of authority, San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) employees who are at the Director or Assistant Superintendent level of authority or higher, and current employees or members of the board of directors for organizations where DCYF is the decision-maker for funding may not serve as members of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. A part-time intern with a DCYF-funded organization who is 24 years old or younger shall not be considered an employee of that organization.

The Mayor and Board of Supervisors shall appoint the initial members by July 1, 2015. The terms of the initial appointees shall commence on the first date of the meeting and no later than July 1, 2015. Members may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms, except that the members initially appointed to seats 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 shall serve for a first term of three

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years. Serving more than half of a term shall count as serving a full term.

The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families shall provide staffing for the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Youth Commission shall provide support to the members in seats 1, 2 and 7.

Reports: None

Sunset Date: None

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October 15, 2018

Rules Committee  
Fox Plaza  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Application of Joanna Powell to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with extraordinary pleasure that I write to recommend Ms. Powell's appointment to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Fagen Friedman & Fulfrosts was founded on the ideal of providing legal representation to school districts in order to enhance educational outcomes for students throughout California. Ms. Powell sought us out expressing a strong commitment for improving the lives of children and youth. Her background speaks volumes about her desire to serve the youth in our community. Ms. Powell formerly taught English as a Second Language, tutors at an organization in San Francisco supporting low-income students and serves on the Board of a charter school.

Ms. Powell has an incredibly strong work ethic. She manages complex cases and completes projects promptly. Her work is simply superior. She excels in all aspects of the law and is highly respected by colleagues and clients. Most important, Ms. Powell is a kind, compassionate and strong person with good values. She will surely be an invaluable addition to the committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you desire additional information.

Respectfully,

Lenore Silverman, Partner

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# Thomas Edison Charter Academy

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October 15, 2018

To the Attention of: Rules Committee, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Regarding: An Outstanding Leader for Children and Education

It is with pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Joanna Powell. Ms. Powell began serving on Thomas Edison Charter Academy's (TECA) Board of Education during the 2017-18 school year. Although I have only known Ms. Powell for just over a year, her energy and passion for improving educational outcomes for children distinguishes her from other professionals. As a former ESL teacher, as an education lawyer, or as a tutor at a San Francisco organization supporting low-income students, she is dedicated to making a positive difference for children in every role she has chosen to undertake.

Here at TECA, we have positively benefited from Ms. Powell's commitment to the service of our students and families:

- she has a very strong work ethic and does a tremendous amount of work for our school and district outside of board meetings,
- she always comes prepared to board meeting and has not missed one meeting since she joined the board,
- she is respectful and collegial during meetings, with other board members and the public, but expresses her opinions, always keeping students at the center of the discussion,
- she has lead the effort to revise our board bylaws - with her good judgement and good advice, TECA now has clear and concise bylaws that are comprehensible and on-point, and
- she is an extremely responsive board member, whether it be to emails or phone calls, or during urgent situations or emergencies, Ms. Powell's follow-through is steady and fantastic.

Should you be so fortunate as to engage Ms. Powell to serve the San Francisco Department of Children Youth and Their Families, I have no doubt that you will find her character and experience to be of tremendous value to your organization. Please do not hesitate to call me should you wish to further discuss this candidate's ability to positively impact your organization.

Thank you,

Anastasia Shattner  
Superintendent/Executive Director

October 10, 2018

Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Rules Committee,

For over a year now, I have had the privilege to work alongside Joanna Powell on the Board of Education at the Thomas Edison Charter Academy (TECA) in San Francisco. Within just months of joining the board, Ms. Powell was quickly confirmed as our Vice President and has excelled in this position.

As President of the Board, I have been able to see first hand Joanna's dedication and commitment to the work of the board and outcomes of the school. With a keen eye for detail on policies, MOUs, and reports, I am always confident in their quality with Joanna's review and stamp of approval. Joanna's experience in education and law adds an important layer in this confidence in her work on TECA's board.

Having worked in nonprofit fundraising at Safe & Sound and Holy Family Day Home, as well as sitting on the Board of Directors at Tandem, Partners in Early Learning, I have worked alongside many board members in different capacities. Joanna is a prime example of an exemplary board member. She attends every board meeting, quickly responds to communications, meets deadlines on projects and is always willing to step in when needed. On top of all of this, Joanna is an active member in board meetings, asking important questions and engaging in all discussions with a willingness to learn and openness to diverse opinions. Her respectful demeanor, careful thought process, and consistent engagement adds incredible value to our Board at TECA.

Joanna Powell is passionate and dedicated to the education and well being of children in San Francisco. Not every individual spends their day-to-day work to improve outcomes for children, volunteer tutoring children, and then spend countless hours of free-time to give advice on difficult topics that a school board faces. Joanna does, and the city of San Francisco is fortunate to have her as a resident. The Board of Education at TECA is fortunate to have Joanna as our Vice President, and the Oversight and Advisory Committee at DCYF will greatly benefit from having Joanna Powell's expertise included as a member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Hazelton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature, there is a horizontal line that underlines the name.

Ryan Hazelton  
President, Board of Education



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415-310-2556

