



" Fighting For the Soul of the City since 1967 "

December 6, 2019

SF Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
SF 94102
ATTN: Victor Young, Committee Clerk / File 191224 (Appointments)

Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

On behalf of Hospitality House, I enthusiastically recommend both Ms. Porsha Dixon and Ms. Ibtihaj Hammond for appointment to the Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

Both Ms. Hammond and Ms. Dixon are highly regarded peer staff of Hospitality House, and their backgrounds, personal journeys, and demonstrated commitment to the welfare of their community make them both excellent candidates for this important Task Force.

Ms. Dixon [Candidate: Seats 4,5,6] is a graduate of Hospitality House's innovative, trauma-informed leadership training program, Healing Organizing and Leadership Development (HOLD). Ms. Dixon has lived experience with drug use. She has grappled with its effects, and demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience to face her challenges and chart a new path for herself, her family, and her community.

Ms. Hammond [Candidate: Seat 7] also has lived experience with drug dealing, understands the disruptive effects of her own life choices, and has also demonstrated the courage and resolve to devote herself to restorative justice – acknowledging her responsibility to rebuilding her community, and providing a powerful example for others to follow.

Hospitality House is extremely fortunate that both of these courageous individuals have chosen to work at our organization, and every day they each provide motivation to untold others of the power of the human spirit to heal, to transform, and inspire.

I urge the Committee Members to appoint each of them to Street-Level, Drug Dealing Task Force.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph T. Wilson'.

Joseph T. Wilson
Executive Director



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SF 94102
ATTN: Victor Young, Committee Clerk / File 191088 & 191072

Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

On behalf of Hospitality House, I urge the Committee to approve the proposed Amendments to Board Rules of Order and the Administrative Code, regarding the Budget Process and Budget Approval Process, by Supervisors Fewer, Mar, and Mandelman.

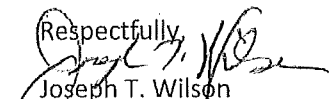
Simply put, both sets of amendments are intended to meaningfully engage the public in the City Budget process, ensure openness and transparency in City Budget deliberations, and allow for fuller consideration of revenue and policy considerations by the Board of Supervisors.

The City Budget reflects our values. The City Budget reflects priorities and choices. Choices have consequences. Consequences have faces and names – the faces and names of San Franciscans. San Franciscans have a right to participate meaningfully in those deliberations, and the legislative branch of government is a co-equal partner in that process.

Hospitality House, as a member of the Budget Justice Coalition, salutes the efforts of Supervisor Fewer, Supervisor Mar, and Supervisor Mandelman – and their dedicated legislative staff – to craft a thorough and comprehensive set of recommendations and amendments that collectively, will help restore the public's faith in their government, and the decision-making process.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


Joseph T. Wilson
Executive Director

Kim Mosteiro Diamond
220 Golden Gate Ave #308
San Francisco, CA 94102

Rules Committee Members
Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force

Hello;

My name is Kim Mosteiro Diamond. I grew up in a middle class family: my father was a drafting engineer at Hughes aircraft, and my mother was an independent bookkeeper. I spent many years growing up in Louisiana, then came here to California in the 80's. I'm a mother of 4, grandmother of 7, with over 25 years of work history in the accounting field as a bookkeeper. I have no copy of my resume at this time, as it was lost during the homelessness; I was on the path to become an auditor. I became divorced after a 22-year marriage due to domestic violence; which a permanent injury came from and caused me to become disabled. From this my life deteriorated into joblessness, homelessness, and a complete breakdown of my health.

I started in shared housing thru the classified's, where there is also domestic violence, and worse. My first experience with the shelter system was in Oakland, after having been arrested and then just being released onto the street when they found out I was the victim. I was assaulted on a regular basis and had a counselor actually recommend I come to San Francisco where I would stand a better chance as it was less violent, so I did, but it wasn't.

I lived in and learned much about the shelter system. I was robbed and assaulted while in them. Learned about the non-training of the personal, and that half of them were criminals. I spent many nights on the streets due to my disabilities and not making it to signups until I figured out the system. I at that time had undiagnosed PTSD, so when I had an "episode"; I was hospitalized or/and banned from the shelters for a period of time.

I also lost my first SRO due to PTSD. When I was running from my attackers in a PTSD nightmare and a glass was broken from it, I was evicted; and again became a ward of the shelter system.

Your best friend on the streets is whatever drug you can get that helps to numb out not only emotional pain, but it really does numb you out from the physical pain, trust me, that is a form of euphoria. Drugs become your one true friend that not only keeps you warm, but allows you to escape reality for just a little while. I went thru a couple of the programs available, the Dore House and Progressive. I then found out about luxury living in a resident motel with roaches, mice, mildew and falling ceilings.

I eventually got connected with a Tenderloin housing organization where I was fortunate enough to meet someone whom knew about the application process and helped me. I was accepted into KCC where I have been a resident since 2012. The first year I didn't come out of my room, except to see a DR. I was diagnosed with PTSD due to domestic violence, several assaults, the loss of everything in my life including my family for a while, and then homelessness.

It wasn't until a young man came knocking on my door to invite me to a meeting about a rooftop garden on our building that I wanted to come out. I thought it was the greatest idea ever as I would have a safe place to go to be outside again. It was my introduction to community organizing. Since then I have attended many meetings, rallies, and several series of classes given by different organizations. I was introduced to politics thru several different non-profits in the neighborhood. I am a member of "TL Votes", Jesse Johnson's baby, the reason our voting registration numbers are at an all-time high! I think "The People's Congress" is one of the greatest groups formed! I have participated in many of the community organizing trainings at Hospitality House, TNDC community organizing team, Glide, and Faithful Fools. I took the TLCBD safety corner training, and the SF Fireman's NERT training; although I'm disabled I now have the knowledge to help out in an emergency.

I was on the first tenant board developed for TNDC tenants. The biggest issue to be addressed was safety. The safety of our residents outside of their doors where they are forbidden to hang out but the drug dealers can. They hired security for a few months; then the board was disbanded, the security went away and our doors/sidewalks are again clogged with drug dealing.

I acquired a part time job as a mentor with SFPAIHSS 2 years ago. I am on the cover of, and a participant in the creating of the procedures book used in home visits with our clients. I have contact with the vulnerable in our community, helping them to find and hire a provider that will help them, not rob or abuse them.

I helped facilitate an art group "The Arts Collaborative". Did you know that the highest concentration of artists in the bay area is here in the tenderloin? I entered and won with an essay project in the "Hidden Gems" contests' about my neighborhood. I am a published poet, and I do spoken word. I'm also a member of Skywatchers, a community performance arts group that works with tenants of the Tenderloin, write and create awesome performances that speak to the problems and injustices in our Community.

Since the hospitals have and still are shutting down their wards that help the mentally handicapped on a long term basis; and the streets become their homes; they are victimized in so many ways on a daily basis, drugs being number one.

My vision for this task force is that we will think outside of the box that we have enclosed ourselves in; that we go beyond acceptable procedures and what's just plain considered normal. One project I would like to put forth for this board to consider is to enact traveling medical teams onto the streets to the people. Dr.'s, nurses, and counselors are needed as the needy on the streets are broken, and they can't get to them. There's a project started in NY, and is successful. I spoke on this subject and tried to plant a seed in the minds of first year medical students whom came to the tenderloin for a seminar and were given a tour of the streets.

The bottom you can reach on the streets is to the point of literally hardly being able to physically move, so medical treatment, going to those that are sick due to drugs or just plain bad health will enable them to obtain the help they really need, and can be the only chance of their turning their lives around at all.

Attached are my letters of support; and 2 of the poems from my winning essays, that depict real in our community. The first one was used in a film with "Temporal Cities"; (My Neighbors) which has been showed many times. The second has been used in the Skywatchers presentations (Fear of the gutter). The third was written during the medical student's seminar I spoke at and of earlier (First Year Medical Students). I was made to read it to them, then it was published in "Fools Fables".

I want to be a part of this task force to hopefully find some meaningful, practical ideas that will obtain results in action being achieved. I believe I can bring experience, knowledge, diversity, open mindedness, and new ideas to the table. And the one big selfish reason I have for wanting this task force to be a success; I want my grandchildren to be able to come visit me.....safely!

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Mosteiro Diamond

12.6.19

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to give a glowing review for our employee, Kim Mosterio. Kim has been a Mentor for over 2 years and is very effective in her role. She truly can make a difference for older adults and people with disabilities.

1. What skills and background does the nominee bring to the task force?

Kim is patient, thorough, and asks good questions. She also has very good listening skills. She is a great team player.

2. Why is the nominee qualified for the seat to which they have applied?

Kim would be highly qualified in that she lives in the community where street level drug dealing happens. She also is very passionate when it comes to making sure life is good for all people.

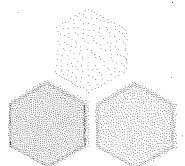
3. How will the nominee's personality and character add to the process?

Again, she is patient. She also is a very easy-going person to work with. She has terrific ideas.

If there is anything more you need from me, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Perry Vermilyea
Mentorship Program Manager
415-593-8136



December 6, 2019

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Matt Haney
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Shamann Walton
Supervisor Gordon Mar

San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I have sending you this letter of support for Kim Mosteiro on her application for a seat in the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force. I have known Kim for several years now since I got involved on working on issues affecting the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Since I have known her, she has worked tirelessly to help in improving the community through her advocacy and participation in community empowerment. As a Tenderloin resident she experiences every day the effects of street level drug dealing; her home is located where drug dealing occurs on every block within a 3 block radius.

In order to address this complex issue with effective and long-term solutions, it requires perspectives from people who experience it every day and are directly affected by it. Kim Mosteiro will bring this to the table

Thank you so much for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaime Vilorio', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jaime Vilorio
Community Organizer
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
Tenderloin Resident

December 5th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this recommendation in reference to Kim Diamond (AKA, Kim Mosteiro) who is a nominee for the task force on street level drug dealing.

The skills and background that Kim would bring to the task force are many. Kim has experienced homelessness and knows what it is to experience violence on the street, as well as within shelters. She knows what it means to be drawn into the drug culture and also the work to move out of it. Kim is now housed and lives in the Tenderloin. She participates in many community groups and supports the work of many non-profits in the neighborhood through her leadership. She is also a peer mentor at IHSS, which reveals her care for people who are vulnerable. She is a strong leader and cares about people who are vulnerable on the street, but she also cares about safety on the streets.

Kim is qualified both with experience of homelessness and because she is a resident. She is an active member in the community and takes seriously her responsibility as a community leader that needs to look out for the well-being of all who are part of the community.

Kim is a good listener and also a clear speaker. She is a team player and is willing to expand how she sees things through conversation. She would be a great asset to the council as she is respectful and sincere in her desire to address the difficult and complex realities of drugs dealing on our streets.

Thank you for considering Kim as a member of the task force.

Faithfully,

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Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

Re: Letter of Support

1 message

Lorenzo Listana <llistana@tndc.org>
To: "artsygrannyk@gmail.com" <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

Sun, Dec 8, 2019 at 9:59 AM

December 6, 2019

To: SF Board of Supervisor
Re: Task Force on Street-Level Drug
Dealing

I've known Kim Mosteiro for 5 years now in my work as community organizer with TNDC. Back in 2014, I started my outreach in TNDC buildings in preparation for the formal launch of a TNDC tenant association. I was doing my door knocking at the Kelly Cullen Community when Kim opened her door and talked to me. Since then she join the TNDC tenant association preparatory committee and ultimately elected on the tenant council.

Kim is a poet, a very good public speaker who is unafraid to speak the truth, an advocate and community leader. She is also one of the founding members of the Tenderloin People's Congress (TPC), an alliance of resident organizations in TL.

As former homeless herself who experienced living in the streets Kim can provide insights on the causes and applicable solutions on issues relating to homelessness, street level drug use, poverty, emotional stress and other health related issues as an outcome of homelessness and drug crisis.

I believe Kim is very qualified to be a member of the Task force given her experiences, passion and as long time Tenderloin Resident.

I strongly recommend Kim for the seat that she applied for.

In solidarity,

Lorenzo Listana
TNDC Community Organizer

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5th December 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Kim Diamond's application to the Task Force on Street Level Drug Dealing. I worked closely with Kim through the Tenderloin Arts Collective (TAC) from 2014-2016. During that time, Kim and I also collaborated on Temporal Cities, a community-based film about the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Kim was a really wonderful collaborator in both TAC and Temporal Cities. Her professionalism and commitment to uplifting the artistic community in the Tenderloin made both of those projects possible. Kim coordinated the venue where we held our meetings. She was always the first person to arrive and the last person to leave. She has a deep knowledge of the Tenderloin neighborhood and a wealth of life experience (some of it very difficult). She was always able to make people feel comfortable and at home in our group. I believe that she will be able to leverage these skills with the Task Force, to reach out to people and bring them to a better place.

Kim is kind, patient, caring and non-judgemental. She looks for the best in people, and forgives us when we mess up. I had a baby during the time when I was part of the TAC, and I wound up missing a lot of meetings and eventually dropping out of the group. Kim was extremely supportive and always made me feel like I was doing a great job, even when I felt like my life was all over the place. Kim can make people feel better about themselves. I think this empathy would be very helpful on the Task Force.

Thank you for considering Kim's application!

Sincerely,

Lizzy Brooks

Technical Arts Teacher, Lick-Wilmerding High School

Former Tenderloin resident

12/6/2019

Gmail - Hi, will you support me??

To: Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>
Cc: Nicole Fusco <nicoleannefusco@gmail.com>

Hi Kim,

Here are my answers to the questions. If you want me to make it into a better-formatted letter, please let me know. You are very welcome to simply print this email, if you wish.

1. What skills and background does the nominee bring to the task force?

Kim Mosteiro is an excellent listener who speaks thoughtfully and articulately from her heart, grounded firmly in her own experience. Kim brings lived-experience as a mother, a grandmother, and as a senior living with a physical disability in the Tenderloin for several years.

2. Why is the nominee qualified for the seat to which they have applied?

Kim Mosteiro shows up to city hall and to community meetings. She listens carefully to her neighbors and cares about representing their voices. Kim is impacted daily by what goes on in the Tenderloin, by obstructed sidewalks, by street-level drug dealing and by violence (and the threat of violence) on the streets. Kim is highly qualified for the seat because she has paid her dues in the neighborhood by showing up, by participating in leadership training programs and by being a well-respected leader within the neighborhood.

3. How will the nominee's personality and character add to the process?

Kim Mosteiro is authentic. Kim cares deeply about her neighbors, and wants the streets to be safe to walk for her, for other seniors living with disabilities, and for her grandchildren. Over the past three years working together as activists, I have learned that Kim exudes love and can hold the tension of making the neighborhood safer without demonizing any of our neighbors.

Peace,
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Hy Carrel
Street Minister
Faithful Fools Street Ministry
234 Hyde Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
415-294-1386



Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

RE: Kim Diamond aka Kim Mosteiro

1 message

James Pounders <jpoundersjr@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Dec 8, 2019 at 2:35 PM

Reply-To: James Pounders <jpoundersjr@sbcglobal.net>

To: kim mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>, Sam Dennison <sam.dennison.01@gmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern,

I have worked with Kim Diamond aka Kim Mosteiro in different organizations and classes and events and I know her to be a person with excellent skills to listen to any topic, listen to others opinions and form her own opinion and be able to verbalize it.

She has been through several classes on Leadership Development and has done well in each of these classes with different organizations.

When a group of us started TL Votes to get people registered in the Tenderloin Kim was a person we knew we could depend on. Depend on for her ideas, her advocacy getting people registered and her voice. Kim wants to make the TL better and I think as an older individual, a Mother and Grandmother who lives in the center of the Tenderloin she would be an excellent addition to your task force.

Any questions please contact me,

James Pounders, Jr.

TL Votes

Tenderloin People's Congress

415.573.7081

Jim Blacksten <jimeblacksten@gmail.com>
To: Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 4:32 PM

Hi Kim:

I am glad to assist you in applying to serve on the **task force on street-level drug dealing**. Please see below my answers to the questions you have provided.

1. What skills and background does the nominee bring to the task force?

Kim has the ability to work well under pressure. Kim is my colleague at In-Home Support Services, (IHSS), Public Authority, Mentorship Program. I have observed Kim's work both in the field, as a Mentor, as well as speaking with IHSS consumers by telephone as a Support Mentor. Seemingly, Kim listens to what the concerns of IHSS consumers are conveying to her without interrupting, and actually ctually hears what they are saying. Kim is calm, collected, and poised when working with IHSS

Consumer on the telephone as well. work both out in the field as an Mentor to consumers, as well as working on the telephone with consumers as a support Mentor. Kim is very confident and capable in the work which she performs. Kim provides her consumers with lots of information, and a stron capability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. .

2. Why is the nominee qualified for the seat to which they have applied?

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Besides working for IHSS, Public Authority as a Mentor, she has also worked for community based organizations in similar roles providing her expertise both as a Mentor, but also as an advisor and advocate. Kim is an advocate in mind, and in her heart s well, and fully committed to this process.



Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

support letter

1 message

Jesse Johnson <jx3sf@yahoo.com>
To: Kim Mosteiro <artsygrannyk@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 6, 2019 at 3:36 PM

December 6, 2019

TO: Rules Committee

FR: Jesse James Johnson

RE: Kim Diamond

This is the text of your letter of support. It will be sent out today. Please call me at 415 571-1696 when you get this email. With boundless affection. Jesse

This letter is written to support Kim Diamond's application to serve on the Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

If the Task Force is to be success it must include a diversity of authentic voices and be informed by the real lived experiences of its residents. Kim is a mature woman with mobility challenges who daily gets up to go out into world. She has family responsibilities, she has a job and still finds time to volunteer for a number of community organization serving the Tenderloin. In order to do these things she must first negotiate her way through an obstacle course of neighbors hanging out in front of her building and people lined up for a grocery giveaway at least twice a week. While in the other direction a small crowd gathers outside a medical clinic. On her block and across the street are Union Halls. Children seem to be everywhere. There a halfway house for mothers and children a few doors down and catty corner is a Catholic school and a children's arts program. This is on the corner of the infamous Pill Hill so mixed into the obstacle course are its many attendant drug peddlers and their customers.

So she knows more than most about the stresses and tensions of living in the Tenderloin. Although she moves through all this more steadily now, she has been the target of violence more than once. She remains intensely aware of the risks she must face. Still, she is not one to cower and she is not bitter. In fact, she loves her community. It inspires her poetry. The Task Force needs someone who has her hard-earned understanding of the circumstances faced by Tenderloin residents. It needs advocates for the elderly and people with disabilities. It needs people with heart. It needs the creativity and insight that only an artist can contribute, it needs Kim Diamond.

Sincerely, Jesse James Johnson

My neighbors

*I hear your screams and wonder.....
Do your demons chase you as mine do me?
I feel your pain and whisper a prayer-
Knowing that even temporary peace can help,
Build the strength to try another day.
My neighbor across the way,
Watches his oldies to stay connected.
And my neighbor who sings at the top of her voice,
To escape her voices.*

*My neighbor above,
Whom stomps back and forth in protest.
Time passes and the voices quiet.*

*When the next time we meet, we say a soft
and compassionate hello,
As we look into each others eyes, with the know,
of demons haunting us,*

*But refuse to speak of them and give them more life.
So we come together to play bingo,
or watch a movie together,
With the quiet support of,
“I understand and will not judge.”*

*This makes us neighbors of understanding,
and therefore,*

*My room becomes my home, my neighbors my friends, and,
Hope for a future with no demons, only of,
Peace and Happiness!!*

Fear of the Gutter
(Scientific name unknown)

**Today is a bad day, the fear is very strong,
I thought my strength was building, not crumbling,
I push thru the drug dealers again, my feet dragging,
Then I see you- sitting next to the curb with a bag
and some scattered clothes.**

**I am walking towards you hunched
with my med pen clenched in my hand, almost to my destination.
I watch as you put your shirt on then your pants
I shuffle closer as you change your mind about your shirt,
I laugh for a minute at remembering, I had just done the same
thing 20 minutes ago in my room.....and then the fear
returns, as our surroundings come crashing thru.....**

**U without a home – me going to faithful fools for a
very desperately needed healing-now thinking-I am wasting your
time, nothing can take away the pain of not being able to
take your hand and bring you somewhere safe-to where you can
get a room instantly, some food, a bath, clean clothes, things that
were taken, but should be given back!!**

**My soul has been tortured for so long now, you would think the
screams would stop-but they don't-they only get worse-my feet**

can hardly move now, my body hurts all over-

I go to bed every night crying myself to sleep, wake up

screaming, live in fear all day-see I was where you are now, put

out of my home by violence onto the streets, where even living in

a shelter still means you are sitting on the curb with others

passing you by kicking and spitting on you, just because-

of the hate of others you become a victim.

I never want to go there again my soul screams out in pain-

“HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS NOT BE??”

**1ST Year Medical Students
(Futures unknown)**

**They Look so young
Their eyes are twinkling
Their shyness so innocent
They watch they listen
We can only hope they hear
As we tell our stories
Stories of experience and pain
I watch as they try to comprehend
No doubt I see the compassion
I tell my story, in the hope
That they never turn to stone
For their hearts to stay open
Along with their minds to continue to learn
And not believe they know it all
Until, a true cure is found
Let them build community in healing
Not only in body but in soul!!**

Please don't forget us

We Love too

Yes, we are poor and sick

But all the more reason for your compassion

Know, Change is Hard

But don't let that wall stop you

Be the energy bundle to make them happen

No more thinking status quo

Be Brave, for

I challenge you, to go,

Change The World

Make us all one big Community!!!!

December 8, 2019

To: Members of the Rules Committee: Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Supervisor Gordon Mar, Supervisor Shamann Walton

cc: Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee, Supervisor Matt Haney, Curtis Bradford

From: Colleen Rivecca

Re: Recommendation letter for Curtis Bradford for Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Mar, and Walton,

Please accept this letter of support for Curtis Bradford for seat 8 or 9 of the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

I have worked with low-income and homeless residents of the Tenderloin neighborhood for nearly 15 years on issues including hunger, homelessness, displacement, substance use and mental health treatment, and access to housing, employment, and public benefits for people returning to the community after incarceration. I and have worked with Curtis for the past 14 months as his direct supervisor in my capacity as the Senior Manager of Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation's Community Organizing Department. I recommend him for a seat on the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force without hesitation or reservation.

Not only does Curtis understand the issues related to street-level drug dealing from the perspective of both a Tenderloin resident and a person who is employed at an office located in the Tenderloin neighborhood. I have worked closely with Curtis over the past year, I am confident that he will bring important insight to the committee as both a long-time Tenderloin resident and as a person who works in the neighborhood. Curtis will approach a seat on the task force with integrity for the process set forth in the enabling legislation, with a willingness to listen and hear diverse viewpoints, and with the wisdom of someone who has, in the past, used and sold drugs in the neighborhood and achieved sobriety through his participation in community-based recovery programs.

As someone who cares deeply about the Tenderloin neighborhood and the people who live there, both housed and unhoused, I wholeheartedly recommend Curtis Bradford for seat 8 or 9 of the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

Respectfully,

Colleen Rivecca
1950 Jones Street, #2
San Francisco, CA 94133

TO: The Rules Committee
FR: Jesse James Johnson
RE: Cheryl Shanks

I am writing to recommend Cheryl Shanks to the Open Air Drug Dealing Task Force. Cheryl has the deep roots in this community. She is both a resident of the Tenderloin and a native San Franciscan. She will bring to the Task Force a combination of experience, insight and expertise crucial to informing their decisions.

Cheryl is an activist and represents the better impulses of people who want to see our neighborhood get better. She also has the real lived experiences of those people not adequately represented in these discussions. Her journey out of one lifestyle and into the other has resulted in a woman practical minded, compassionate and forward looking. She believes in the possibility of true change and understands the responsibilities one must accept to make that happen.

The decisions this Task Force must make are complex and demand persons of multifaceted experience. Ms. Shanks is such a person. I strongly urge her inclusion on this body.

TO: The Rules Committee
FR: Jesse James Johnson, Co-Chair of the Tenderloin People's Congress
RE: Curtis Bradford

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support of Curtis Bradford's application for membership on the Open Air Drug Dealing Task Force.

I am Jesse James Johnson. Curtis and I share the responsibilities of Co-Chairs of the Tenderloin People's Congress. Working with Curtis, I have come to appreciate him as an articulate, sharp minded and dedicated leader. He is an activist of unflagging energy. He is reliable and forward thinking.

His membership on this body will insure those of our community too often silenced, ignored or neglected will have an advocate of ability committed to justice for all.



December 8, 2019

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RE: Appointment of Curtis Bradford to the Street-Level Drug Dealing Taskforce

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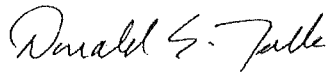


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Please do not hesitate to contact me at dfalk@tndc.org or (415) 264-7949 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Falk
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Supervisor Matt Haney
Victor Young
Curtis Bradford



December 8, 2019

Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Shamann Walton
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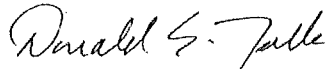


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December 6, 2019

RE: Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force
Ibtihaj Hammond

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dewayne Cobb, Program Manager for Hospitality House Tenderloin Self Help Center (TSHC). I am writing this letter of support for Ibtihaj Hammond. I supervise Ibtihaj at TSHC where Ibtihaj is a Peer Advocate. Ibtihaj is intelligent, determined and innovative.

During her relatively short time here at the TSHC, Ibtihaj saw a need for more support and inclusion of our women community member in our services. Ibtihaj created a women's group called Up's and Down's. This group focuses on supporting homeless women and women escaping domestic violence, but all women are welcome to come create community and a safe space. Ibtihaj has already shown the motivation and drive to become a future leader at Hospitality House.

Ibtihaj's unique blend of life experience and education makes her a great fit for the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force. I believe wholeheartedly that Ibtihaj would become an invaluable voice on the Task Force. I highly recommend Ibtihaj's participation Hospitality House serves proves invaluable with decision making and leadership.

If should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dewayne Cobb'.

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RE: Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force
Ibtihaj Hammond

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write this letter of support for Ibtihaj Hammond. Ibtihaj works fulltime at Hospitality House. Ibtihaj is a Peer Advocate in the Tenderloin Self Help Center. I know Ibtihaj to be an intelligent and highly motivated individual who tackles issues with grace and insight.

During her tenure with the Hospitality House, Ibtihaj has been responsible for greeting, outreaching and providing information and referral to community members. She is responsible for tracking progress toward contract goals. Ibtihaj is collaborative in her service provision with Hospitality House programs and community partner agencies. Ibtihaj works to build community and meet the needs of people who are homeless and living in the streets of Tenderloin.

Ibtihaj's education and life experiences makes her a unique voice in providing in depth information to staff members and to the community at large. Her experience with the population that Hospitality House serves proves invaluable with decision making and leadership.

Ibtihaj has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, can work independently and as a team, and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. Ibtihaj is always willing to offer her assistance and has an excellent rapport with staff and community members alike. I truly recommend Ibtihaj's participation in the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

Yours truly,

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December 6, 2019

TO: Rules Committee
FR: Windy Click, Deputy Director of Community Initiatives
RE: Jesse James Johnson

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Jesse James Johnson for the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force seat.

Mr. Johnson has proven himself to be firmly committed to improving community life for his peers, fellow community residents, and the people of San Francisco. Jesse is a co-facilitator of our unique trauma-responsive civic engagement project called Healing, Organizing and Leadership Development Preparing Leaders to Utilize Skills (HOLD PLUS), and member of the Board of Directors of Hospitality House.

Jesse possesses innate leadership qualities of dedication, enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and a desire to help all people grow, thrive and contribute. Jesse has been an activist and leader for much of his life. He has an infectious enthusiasm and quick wit that complement his fighting spirit and commitment to justice and fairness for all.

I believe the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force will help sharpen Jesse's skills, deepen his political analysis of structural challenges uniquely faced by working-class communities, and further expose him to undiscovered leadership possibilities. I believe Jesse is community gem, and is excited by what lay ahead.

On behalf of all of us at Hospitality House, it is an honor and privilege to enthusiastically recommend Mr. Jesse James Johnson for participation in the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force. Please do not hesitate to call me at 415-749-2109 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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TO: Rules Committee

FR: Jesse James Johnson

RE: Kim Diamond

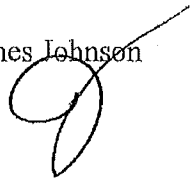
To Whom It May Concern

This letter is written to support Kim Diamond application to serve on the Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force.

If the Task Force is to be success it must include a diversity of authentic voices and be informed by the real lived experiences of its residents. Kim is a mature woman with mobility challenges who daily gets up to go out into world. She has family responsibilities, she has a job and still finds time to volunteer for a number of community organization serving the Tenderloin. In order to do these things she must first negotiate her way through an obstacle course of neighbors hanging out in front of her building; people lined up for a grocery giveaway at least twice a week while in the other direction a small crowd gathers outside a medical clinic. On her block and across the street is a Union Hall. Children seem to be everywhere there a halfway house for mothers and children a few doors down catty corner is catholic school and a children's arts program. This is on the corner of the infamous Pill Hill and it many drug peddlers. So she knows more than most about the stresses and tensions of living in the Tenderloin.

She moves through all this more steadily now. She is not bitter but in fact loves her community. It inspires her poetry. The Task Force needs someone who has her hard earned understanding of the circumstances faced by Tenderloin residents. It needs advocates for the elderly and people with disabilities. It needs the creativity and insight that only an artist can contribute, it needs Kim Diamond.

Sincerely, Jesse James Johnson

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RE: Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force
Porsha Dixon

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write this letter of support for Porsha Dixon. Porsha has worked fulltime at Hospitality House for over 2 year. Porsha is a peer advocate at our Sixth Street Self Help Center. I know Porsha to be an enthusiastic, empathetic and highly motivated individual who uses her life experience to move her forward to serve the community in a positive way.

During her tenure with the Hospitality House, Porsha has been responsible for greeting, outreaching and providing information and referral for community members. She is responsible for tracking progress toward contract goals. Porsha is collaborative in her service provision with Hospitality House programs and community partner agencies. Porsha works to build community and meet the needs of people who are homeless and living in the South of Market Corridor.

Porsha's life experiences in many areas has allowed her to provide in depth information to community members and to the greater community at large. Her length of experience with the population that Hospitality House serves proves invaluable with leadership in programs.

I truly recommend Porsha's participation in the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force

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TO: Rules Committee
FR: Windy Click, Deputy Director of Community Initiatives
RE: Porsha Dixson

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Porsha Dixson for the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force seat.

While working at the GUBBIO Project, Porsha Dixson graduated from our trauma-informed civic engagement project called Healing Organizing Leadership Development (HOLD). HOLD is an internship project that focuses on reducing the impact and trauma while building residents' skills for community organizing, empowerment, and social change.

Porsha has full-time employment at our Sixth Street Self Help Center as a Peer Advocate for over two years. Porsha is responsible for supporting community members with advocacy and shelter resources, as well as other resources. She provides crisis counseling, Narcan distribution, and motivates individuals using her life experience. Her length of involvement in the populace that Hospitality House serves furnishes important with initiative in programs.

I genuinely recommend Porsha for a seat on the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force. Please feel free to contact me at 415-749-2109 if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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Young, Victor (BOS)

From: Beinart, Amy (BOS)
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Laura Thomas; Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Wong, Alan (BOS); Gee, Natalie (BOS)
Cc: Curtis Bradford; Young, Victor (BOS)
Subject: RE: Supporting Curtis Bradford for seat 8 or 9 on the Street-level Drug Dealing Task Force

Thank you, Laura,
Adding the Rules Committee Clerk, Victor Young, to get this into the record.
~Amy

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Amy Beinart
Legislative Aide to Supervisor Hillary Ronen
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I'm writing to strongly support Curtis Bradford's application for appointment to the street-level drug dealing taskforce. He is applying for seat 8 or 9, for residents of the Tenderloin. I understand that this appointment will be made at the December 9th meeting of the Rules Committee.

I've had the pleasure of working with Curtis on a variety of issues related to drug use, treatment, and the Tenderloin over the past few years. He will do an excellent job representing residents of the Tenderloin affected by drug sales. He has a depth of personal experience from his own drug use and recovery. In his work with TNDC, he hears from a wide variety of Tenderloin residents and understands their experiences and perspectives. He's a member of the Treatment on Demand Coalition, working to ensure that everyone has access to the harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services that they need. He will be a thoughtful and engaged member of the Task Force. I think it is particularly important that these seats be filled by residents of the Tenderloin who are affected by drug sales and our policies to address them.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Laura Thomas, MPH, MPP (she/her)

Director of Harm Reduction Policy

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