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To the Supervisors of the San Francisco Rules Committee,

This letter serves as an indication of my support for Daniel Shaffer for a seat on the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dan for the last 12 years, having first met him when I was Commandant of the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Over the years, I have witnessed Dan's development as a leader and a person of character. He is a compassionate individual who seeks active roles wherever he goes.

He demonstrated this during his graduate studies at MIT, when he worked with the administration to teach a class focused on the principles of military leadership and how they translate to the civilian workforce. Dan invited me as the keynote speaker to share insights from my 35-year military career and my current role as the CEO of Wounded Warrior Project. I witnessed the impact Dan brought to his community and his devotion to helping others understand the challenges veterans face.

Dan is a mission-driven, servant-leader who strives for progress, while never leaving anyone behind. From mentoring transition veterans through the application processes of the nation's top schools to teaching junior enlisted soldiers the basics of personal finance, Dan always seems to put others before himself. He epitomizes the West Point motto of *Duty, Honor, Country*. I believe he is the ideal candidate to represent veterans' interests and will tirelessly devote himself to improving the lives of our veterans.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sir/Ma'am,  
Dan is a perfect  
choice for the SF  
Veterans Affairs Comm.  
via email

Respectfully,

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# SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS JUSTICE COURT

February 22, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

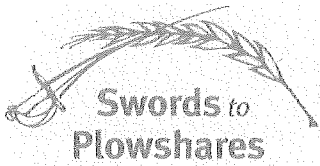
I am writing regarding Jason Chittavong who is the Veteran Mentor Coordinator for the Veterans Justice Court (VJC) since July, 2019. Mr. Chittavong started with us in early 2019 as a volunteer mentor and then quickly stepped up as the Mentor Coordinator. Since he has taken on this role, he has shown exceptional leadership and enthusiasm. He has arranged benefits workshops, participant outings, as well as recruiting and managing a team of new volunteers, all the while mentoring individuals in our court. His passion for helping fellow veterans is an inspiration to the entire team and the clients we serve. I believe he would be a tremendous asset to the Commission, and I support his application.

The San Francisco Veterans Justice Court is a Collaborative Court Program of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco in partnership with city agencies and community groups. VJC is a unique type of problem-solving court that focuses on accountability to community concerns and treatment of veterans from all branches of military service who face criminal charges in San Francisco. VJC provides innovative programming to fit the needs of the community served through the collaborative efforts of community-based agencies in conjunction with the VA, DPH, CAAP, SFPD, Public Defenders Office, and the District Attorney. VJC aims to reduce recidivism by addressing the underlying issues driving repeat criminal behavior and eliminate barriers to success. VJC provides linkages to treatment as well as access to supportive services in-house for populations with multiple psychosocial issues.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [awest@sftc.org](mailto:awest@sftc.org) or 415-551-5941.

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February 21, 2020

Supervisor Hillary Ronen,

Members of the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors

Re: Jason Chittavong  
appointment to Veterans Commission

I am writing to you in support of Jason Chittavong becoming a member of our San Francisco Veterans Commission.

I am a former original member of The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Council. With then Supervisor Richard Hongisto we introduced the ordinance creating the council which is now the Veterans Affairs Commission.

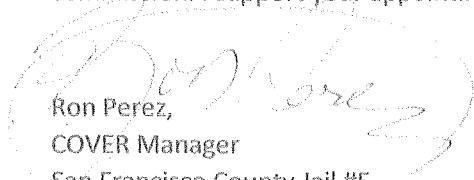
At this time I was also with the San Francisco Sheriff's Departments, Prisoner Services Division, and was the divisions veteran's specialist.

Currently I am with Swords-to-Plowshares and manage the Sheriff's in custody veterans program COVER, Community of Veterans Engaged in Restoration. Our collaborative program has not only been recognized nationally, it has been replicated by over 100 correctional facilities across the nation.

COVER also resulted in San Francisco starting a Veteran's Justice Court. For the past several years I had also been the Mentor Co Ordinator for our Veteran's Court. I have since relinquished the position of Mentor coordinator placing more focus on in-custody and vet court relations.

Jason Chittavong had begun as a mentor and with my departure was elevated to the position of coordinator - A position he has excelled in.

His passion and dedication to helping our veterans is commendable. I know you have reviewed his resume and are aware of his involvement in our veteran community. He has the skills and awareness needed to serve on our commission. I support your appointing Jason to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

  
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