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Dear Supervisors:

I enthusiastically support File 200132 "Amending Board Rules of Order" to increase subpoena powers for the Government Audit and Oversight Committee and to require administration of an oath to a Department Head when that Department Head is testifying pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum! Also, the rule change allows any of the BOS standing committees to be authorized to administer oaths by written motion of the Board.

These rule changes will expedite the ability of the BOS at a committee hearing to see documents and to hear truthful testimony from Department Heads when the seriousness of the hearing warrants exercising this power. When time is of the essence for the Board to uncover the facts before taking action on an issue, this Rule change will facilitate the Board's deliberations.

I believe that the BOS just having the capacity to issue subpoenas to Department Heads and to require an oath will go a long way to getting straightforward information up front and in a timely manner because they will be anxious to not provoke the BOS into using this power.

If the serious charges of fraud by the FBI on Director Nuru are not enough reasons for the BOS to question the adequacy of our current checks and balances in city governance, then I am at a loss to think what event WILL entice the BOS to exercise effective investigative powers that elicit the truth.

I hope that every member of the Board of Supervisors has the courage of their convictions to get all the facts, all the truth required, to perform their duty of government audits and oversight. If so, there will be eleven co-sponsors for File 200132.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel