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## Re: Deland Chan, Planning Commission Appointment

Dear President Yee and San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco (CCC) writes this letter of strong support for the appointment of Deland Chan to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. Deland is a perfect fit to advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and City departments on San Francisco's long-range goals, policies and programs on a broad range of issues related to land use, transportation, and maintaining the City's General Plan. Her experience makes her uniquely qualified, as she is an expert on planning issues while being sensitive to communities of color.

CCC is a 55 year old organization based in Chinatown committed to building strong and vibrant communities through the arts. We are dedicated to uplifting underserved voices and giving voice to equity – with art that is relevant to, responds to, and dialogues with the community. One of our recent projects "Stories of Belonging in Chinatown" by Christine Wong Yap, is a timely story-sharing project that captures sense of belonging in the community. Its evocative story-sharing design is centered on creative interactive engagement on place and memory that champions community voices.

CCC first collaborated with Deland around public art and equity for the upcoming Central Subway and advocated for the inclusion of creativity by local artists. Deland's strength is her commitment to the community and strong understanding of cross-sector issues. In the decade since, we have known Deland to be extremely fair and never afraid to confront difficult and challenging situations. As she has built her career, skills and experiences that make her an outstanding candidate, Deland has always stayed connected to the community.

What we admire most about Deland is that she is a person of deep integrity, genuinely collaborative, and with the rare ability to connect planning with a focus on livability and the lives of working people. Her service will truly benefit all diverse communities across San Francisco.

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We look forward to your affirmative vote to appoint Deland Chan as the City's Planning Commissioner.

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