

March 9, 2021

Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Victor Young, Clerk
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Mayoral Appointment, Historic Preservation Commission – Christina Dikas

Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is Mike Buhler and I am writing in strong support of Christina Dikas' appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. As President & CEO of San Francisco Heritage from 2010 to 2020, I was fortunate to work alongside Christina on various Heritage programs and initiatives. In addition to her volunteer efforts, she collaborated with our staff on early initiatives to document cultural assets for the Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS) and the SoMa Filipino Context Statement.

As part of the JCHESS team, Christina worked with the Planning Department to develop an innovative new methodology for documenting Japantown's living history using "Social Heritage Inventory" forms. The JCHESS is now recognized as San Francisco's first community-led effort to holistically document, protect, and sustain tangible and intangible cultural heritage, establishing a template emulated by the city's other cultural districts. Its groundbreaking methodology directly informed eligibility criteria for the San Francisco Legacy Business Registry – which has become national model and is a major focus of the HPC's work program.

Christina's core professional experience includes historical research, evaluation, impacts analyses, and CEQA documentation for numerous projects in San Francisco and California, including the Market & Octavia, Mission, and SoMa Historic Resource Surveys. She not only exceeds the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards* for Architectural History but has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to recognizing and elevating the full breadth of the city's rich cultural heritage.

I urge you to approve Christina's appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Buhler