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Good morning, Chair Peskin and Members of the Rules Committee:

I hope you all had a restful August break. I am sending this email to support Vanita Louie's appointment to the Recreation & Park Commission. I have known Vanita for the past several years through some of the mutual community volunteer works we both have strong commitments to. Vanita took the lead in the renaming of our the newcomers public school for newly emigrated young children in Chinatown in honor of Ed and Anita Lee. She continued to volunteer with the young children with reading sessions to enhance their learning of English and enabled the school to acquire laptops and books to enhance their learning experiences. Her love of children continues with her work with the children at Gum Moon residence and day care.

She has provided fun, loving arts, crafts activities for the young children in transition throughout the years. Much of her volunteer commitments are very consistent with a major component of the mission of the Rec & Park Dept.

Vanita, as a Board Member of the San Francisco Hepatitis B Prevention Program--Bay Area, has been a primary member to assist in the organization's leadership to eradicate Hep B and the consequences of liver disease. 1 in 12 Asian Pacific Islanders immigrants are effected by this disease which has a vaccine but not yet a cure. The Program also continues to collaborate with the SF Dept Health's work to eradicate Hep C.

Vanita has for many years been a leader and volunteer for the Chinatown Rotary Club which has made numerous contributions to improve the lives of the seniors and residents like at Ping Yuen, and during the past 18 months of this pandemic, assisted with the distribution of foods and PPP supplies to essential works and small businesses.

Vanita is a native San Franciscan with her family's long involvement as business leaders in Chinatown as well as Vanita's entrepreneurial initiative to establish a successful travel agency business in San Francisco, serving So. California and the West Coast. Vanita grew up in Chinatown and played in the very playgrounds available to her and her family. She has been a hands-on volunteer whose energy and spirit is infectious. Her experiences operating a business and as a community volunteer are a strong

combination of skill sets for this appointment. I strongly believe Vanita's appointment will be a terrific asset to the Commission and Department's mission to protect our public spaces that makes San Francisco a very special place to live and to visit.

Thank you for your consideration,

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