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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

*****IMPLEMENTING COMMISSIONS FOR ALL SAN FRANCISCANS*****

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Last year, President Shamann Walton and former President Norman Yee along with Immigrant Rights Advocates and Labor Activists announced a Proposition C, a charter amendment for the November 2020 ballot that will allow all San Franciscans to serve on San Francisco commissions, boards, and advisory committees by removing the citizenship requirement. Proposition C had the unanimous support of all 11 Supervisors including Supervisors Gordon Mar, Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai, Aaron Peskin, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, Dean Preston, Catherine Stefani and former Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer.

The measure passed by 226,148 voters with 54.1%. Commissions for All allows any San Francisco resident regardless of citizenship status to apply and be appointed to the City's boards, commissions and advisory bodies where they currently do not have representation.

"I am honored to implement this historical ordinance to allow ALL of our San Francisco residents the opportunity to serve on important advisory groups and commissions," said President Shamann Walton. "We have residents who are paying taxes, utilizing our municipal services, and contributing to the San Francisco community but they are not represented in the very commissions, boards, or advisory committees that oversee and implement policies affecting them. This charter amendment will create inclusive and equitable opportunities for all San Franciscans."

"As an immigrant of mixed race origins, my community has always had my back. Both my Latinx community and my Black brothers and sisters have nurtured me, my community raised me, it truly takes a village. Prop C: Commissions for All has removed barriers on my path to give back to my community and be able to serve. My experience growing up in San Francisco has



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given me unique perspectives as to the urban needs of bicycle users, especially High School aged youth who rely on it for transportation. I am proud to announce that I will be submitting an application and seeking nomination for the Bicycle Advisory Committee.” stated Ernesto Cuellar, immigrant youth leader.

“As a DACA recipient, I have fought for an opportunity to have a seat at the table and represent my community. I have lived in San Francisco most of my life and have overcome multiple adversities due to my immigration status including financial barriers. As we celebrate this historic victory of proposition C implementation, I am proud to announce I have submitted my application for the Immigrant Rights Commission.” mentioned Sarah Souza, Co-Chair, SF Commissions for All

“The devastating impact of the pandemic, coupled with the anti-immigrant rhetoric from the former Trump administration, has prevented many immigrants from being able to build political representation and advocate for themselves. The historic passage of Prop C will finally open doors for immigrants like me to have a seat at the table so that we are not left out from the decision-making process for local policies that affect our daily lives,” said Hans How, an immigrant community leader who is interested to serve on a commission.

Residents, regardless of citizenship status, who interested in applying to a commission, advisory board, or committee, may apply here: <https://sfbos.org/vacancy-boards-commissions-task-forces> and email the completed application and forms to BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org.

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