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Dear Chair King and Council Members:

This is sent in support of Pat Wong's confirmation to the position of Corporation Counsel.

I have worked for Pat since the beginning of his first term. Pat is my third boss in this office and has brought a number of positive changes that have made this office a great place to work.

One positive change is that Pat was able to unite our office into a team. This was the first time, in all the years that I have been in this office, that it felt like we were a cohesive team. The only explanation for this is Pat's management style. He is clearly an effective boss in managing his staff and promoting a team feeling.

Another positive change is that Pat came into this office with a strong litigation background. As a litigator, his background is priceless. There are many times, in difficult or complex litigation, where you need to brainstorm strategy with someone who can offer a new perspective. Pat has been able to offer suggestions, strategy and even perspective on briefs. When Pat has needed to make a hard call, he is able to do so and back up that decision.

Pat has also been able to seamlessly shift between litigation matters straight into various counseling and drafting issues. With the vast areas covered by our office, that is pretty shocking. Most people, me included, know their area of law and not much about other areas. Pat, however, has been able to get a firm grasp on counseling and drafting issues just as well as he has litigation matters. That is not a trait you will find often.

Pat has also shown himself to be a progressive thinker when it comes to this office. For years Risk Management fell under Finance and were located in a separate building. After Pat had a chance to survey our office workings, he realized that it made sense to have Risk in our office. This is not a move that had been previously considered. However, it made a lot of sense because our work is inextricably intertwined.

It is my understanding that Pat has also considered creating a team to handle personnel investigations. Based on the sheer number of investigations this office has handled in the last few years, this makes a lot of sense. I anticipate that, if Pat is reconfirmed, this team will be built. Such a team will benefit the County as a whole.

I sincerely hope that you will confirm Pat. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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