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**MASTER LETTER FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - DRAFT**  
**(To be sent to each individual district supervisor.)**

Dear Supervisor [NAME],

On behalf of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission, I want to extend our warmest wishes for a productive and successful new year. As we begin 2026, our commission is optimistic that progress will continue in advancing initiatives that support San Francisco veterans and their families.

Recent achievements reflect the City's growing commitment to veterans. For example, the veterans preference in the Below Market Rate housing lottery – established by an ordinance that passed with unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors and was activated in the lottery in 2024 – has already connected more veterans to housing, with 2025 data showing measurable impact. Additionally, the future development at 1035 Van Ness Avenue that will include 124 units for formerly homeless veterans, was very welcome news and demonstrates increased attention to the needs of our city's homeless veterans.

Looking ahead, the Commission is committed to offering guidance on addressing key issues such as housing, employment, healthcare access, and mental health support. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or with your staff to discuss the unique needs of veterans in District \_\_\_\_\_. This connection would also help us stay informed about veteran-related news, events and programs in District \_\_\_\_\_, which we can then share during our regular commission meetings. Working together in this way, we can ensure that 2026 is a year of meaningful progress for those who have served our nation.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to making San Francisco a city that truly honors its veterans. Best wishes for a wonderful year ahead.

Sincerely,

William Barnickel  
President, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission  
City and County of San Francisco