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Supervisor Alan Wong
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102
(Sent via email: WongStaff@sfgov.org)

Subject: Meeting Request Regarding VA Home Loan Barriers

Dear Supervisor Wong,

During our January 13 regular commission meeting, the Veterans Affairs Commission began discussing concerns raised by Commissioner Nicholas Rusanoff regarding potential barriers that may prevent veterans from using their VA Home Loan benefit. These concerns, based on information gathered by Commissioner Rusanoff, suggest that local housing structures may limit access to this federally guaranteed benefit, leaving some veterans excluded from housing opportunities despite their service.

The Commission continued this discussion during our February meeting and agreed that the next step would be for Commissioner Rusanoff to reach out to your staff to request a meeting on behalf of the Commission. We greatly appreciate your leadership in 2022 to successfully establish a veterans' priority in the City's Below Market Rate (BMR) housing lottery. That effort demonstrated your commitment to improving housing access for veterans, and we hope to build on that progress by bringing this issue to your attention.

We value your perspective as both a policymaker and a veteran and believe your leadership could help address this concern. Thank you for your continued commitment to our San Francisco veterans community. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this important matter.

Sincerely,

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