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TO: Contra Costa Board of Supervisors

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission, we extend our full support and strong encouragement for Contra Costa County to establish a Veterans Affairs Commission to serve the needs of its veteran community.

Veterans have made profound sacrifices in service to our nation, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they are supported, represented, and empowered at the local level. A dedicated Veterans Affairs Commission provides an essential platform for advocacy, coordination of services, and direct engagement with the veteran population.

In San Francisco, our Veterans Affairs Commission has proven to be a critical advisory body that:

- Elevates the voices and concerns of veterans to local government leadership
- Strengthens collaboration between public agencies, nonprofits, and veteran service organizations
- Helps identify service gaps in areas such as housing, mental health, employment, and benefit access
- Promotes policies that honor and support veterans and their families

Contra Costa County is home to a diverse and deserving veteran population. Establishing a Veterans Affairs Commission will not only demonstrate your county's commitment to those who served but will also create a structured and sustainable mechanism to address evolving veteran needs.

We believe this initiative will foster stronger community ties, improve service delivery, and ensure that no veteran is left behind. We stand ready to support your efforts, share best practices, and collaborate in any way that may be helpful as you move forward with this important endeavor.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our nation's veterans.

Respectfully,

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission
City and County of San Francisco