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DRAFT (Pending approval by VAC)

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office,

The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission writes to express support for the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program and to acknowledge recent actions related to Supervisor Alan Wong's resolution (BOS File No. 260223) regarding the preservation of JROTC in SFUSD.

The Youth Commission issued a negative recommendation on the resolution, while also recognizing in its written response the positive impact JROTC has on many students, but raising concerns related to program administration and staffing. The Commission appreciates this balanced perspective.

JROTC continues to receive strong support from students, families, educators, alumni, veterans, and community members throughout San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors' adoption of the resolution reflects this broad recognition. The program provides students with leadership development, discipline, civic engagement, mentorship, and opportunities for personal and academic growth.

The program also brings federally supported instructors, curriculum, uniforms, and extracurricular activities that expand opportunities for SFUSD students at reduced cost. Many students benefit from the structured, inclusive environment the program offers, helping to build confidence, teamwork, and responsibility.

The Veterans Affairs Commission encourages continued support for JROTC as a voluntary and inclusive program that contributes significantly to the development and well-being of San Francisco's youth. We would be happy to connect with staff from the Mayor's Office or Board of Supervisors to offer additional insight into the program's importance.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of San Francisco's students and its veterans.

Respectfully,

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission
City and County of San Francisco

Cc: San Francisco Youth Commission