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January 6, 2024

RE: Support for Barbara Keegan as Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water Board - January 9th, item number 3.4

Dear Members of the Santa Clara Valley Water Board,

01/09/24

I hope this letter finds you all well and in the mindset of service to our community. As a concerned member of the community, I am writing to express my strong support for Barbara Keegan's candidacy for the position of Chair on the Santa Clara Valley Water Board.

Barbara Keegan, one of only two engineers on the Board, plays a crucial role in addressing complicated technical issues. Her expertise and knowledge are relevant, and her collaborative approach in finding solutions is truly commendable.

In particular, I would like to emphasize Barbara's commitment to putting the public interest first. Her ethical stance and dedication to serving the community are values that I believe are essential for a leadership position. It is clear that Barbara is not only thoughtful, careful, and deliberate but also possesses the expertise required to execute the role of chair.

Having had the privilege of getting to know Barbara, I can attest to her superior character, capability, and intellect. What sets her apart is her fairness and extraordinary ability to listen—a trait that is invaluable in a leadership role. Barbara Keegan's experience as vice chair and her multiple years of working with technology and systems impacting Valley Water further demonstrate her qualifications for the position.

Public service is not merely a right; it is a responsibility, one that Barbara takes seriously. Her dedication to doing what's right for our community and serving with integrity, focus, and thoughtfulness is truly commendable. Appointing Barbara as Chair is not just a benefit to her but a decision that would benefit the entire community. Passing up on such an opportunity would send the wrong message about the board's commitment to fairness and integrity in public service.

Barbara has worked tirelessly to serve our community, and it is only fair that she be given the opportunity to serve as Chair. Choosing her for this role would demonstrate the board's relevance and commitment to the values that define public service. Saying no to Barbara would be saying no to the community, as she embodies the qualities needed to lead the organization to its highest standard.

In conclusion, I urge the Santa Clara Valley Water Board to consider the unparalleled qualities and capabilities that Barbara Keegan brings to the table. Appointing her as Chair would not only be a wise decision but one that reflects the board's dedication to the community it serves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Chuck Cantrell