

## San Francisco District 9 Office

### \*\*\* Press Statement \*\*\*

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### District 9 Office Statement on Supervisor Jackie Fielder

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San Francisco – Supervisor Jackie Fielder is currently navigating a mental health condition and needs time and space to recover before making any major decisions. She has asked us to share this with the public, and has stated that she wants to regain stable health so she can thoughtfully and responsibly consider her options. She will be taking a medical leave of absence, during which time the District 9 office will remain dedicated to meeting the needs of our constituents, neighbors, and community members.

On matters of her personal health, we respectfully ask the press to give her the privacy and space necessary for healing, and not to report on unsubstantiated rumors. We urge everyone to treat this situation with the same respect and sensitivity as they would if she were recovering from any other medical emergency. Mental health conditions affect one in five adults nationwide. Breaking the cycle of stigma of this human experience and prioritizing our health is critical, and is no different for those who have the opportunity to serve their communities in government. San Francisco has always been dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of its residents, and we applaud Supervisor Fielder for emphasizing the importance of self-care and resilience, and for directing us to openly share today that prioritizing and talking about mental health truly matters. As she has done with so many social justice issues, she continues to demonstrate courage and leadership by speaking openly about her health and taking meaningful steps towards healing and recovery.

Supervisor Fielder has been a staunch advocate for District 9 and has worked tirelessly to serve her constituents, as has everyone in the office. She was only getting started, and as her appointed staff, we remain committed to fulfilling her agenda: protecting our most vulnerable communities, expanding affordable housing, defending immigrant rights, strengthening public safety, promoting climate justice, ensuring small businesses can thrive, and meeting the needs of our constituents and community, among many other priorities. The outpouring of support has been invaluable during these difficult times and we thank all of our colleagues, friends, and neighbors who have come out to offer help and well wishes. With the strong backing of the community, we will continue to partner and carry forward the critical work of the district.

In community,

The District 9 Office

Sasha, Ana & Jen

## **Statements of support for Supervisor Jackie Fielder, from City Hall and District 9 community**

As publicly stated by Mayor Daniel Lurie:

*“I am sending Supervisor Fielder my best wishes for a speedy recovery. She is a dedicated advocate for her community. I am encouraging everyone to give her the time and space to get better so she can do that work fully, and I’m wishing her strength and all the best for her health.”*

Supervisor Connie Chan:

*“We know and trust that Supervisor Jackie Fielder and the District 9 Team will prioritize Supervisor Fielder's health and recovery and continue to serve the District 9 communities. We will support Supervisor Fielder and her team during this time to make decisions that are in the best interest of Supervisor Fielder's health and the people she represents.”*

Supervisor Shamann Walton:

*“As colleagues, we stand fully behind Supervisor Fielder as she takes the time she needs to focus on her health and recovery. Our office is committed to stepping in and supporting her team in any way necessary to ensure continuity of service for District 9 residents. This is a moment for care, coordination, and community—and we are here to do our part.”*

Supervisor Myrna Melgar:

*“This is not the first time a member of the Board of Supervisors has been incapacitated for a long period of time. Michela Alioto-Pier was out for 3 months and we were able to facilitate the representation of that district while she was out and her staff kept working. I have full confidence that the District 9 staff can and will do that as well.”*

Supervisor Chyanne Chen:

*“We wish Supervisor Fielder strength, healing, and recovery. Our office is here to support the Supervisor, her team, and District 9 however we can while she takes time to focus on her wellbeing.”*

Supervisor Bilal Mahmood:

*“Supervisor Fielder has been a powerful leader on civil rights, immigration, and for working people, and I’ve valued the chance to work with her and learn from her leadership on those issues. I sincerely hope she is able to continue serving with us, but most of all I want to support her and respect her privacy as she makes whatever decision is best for her. Whatever path she chooses, I know she will remain a fierce advocate for our communities.”*

Former District 9 Supervisor Hillary Ronen:

*“The people of District 9 are facing unprecedented challenges, and I know from experience how deeply that lands on the person elected to serve them. What Jackie is doing by prioritizing her health and wellbeing takes courage and wisdom. She is modeling how to take care of yourself so you can show up fully for others. She has my complete support, and I hope District 9 gets to continue benefiting from her leadership for years to come.”*

Yensing Sihapanya, Executive Director Family Connections Centers in the Portola:

*“Jackie’s commitment, advocacy, and tireless work on behalf of San Francisco’s children, youth, and families are undeniable. Her leadership and the meaningful results she delivers are why the district has supported her and continues to stand behind her. Even before serving as District 9 Supervisor, Jackie was a deeply engaged community member, volunteering in the Portola neighborhood and taking the time to listen to children, families, and seniors about their lived experiences. We celebrate her for taking the time to care for herself, just as she has so compassionately cared for our community. And we stand with her should she choose to return.”*

Latino Task Force:

*“The Latino Task Force stands in solidarity with Supervisor Fielder during this time. The Mission district community has been clear: her health and recovery must come first. We are committed to supporting her, her staff, and the residents of District 9 to ensure stability, continuity, and care. We are confident that the D9 staff can continue the work while she takes a pause to focus on her health.”*

Amy Beinart, Bernal Heights resident and former President of the Bernal Heights Democratic Club:

*“Supervisor Fielder is a hardworking and effective supervisor, and her voice is needed in City Hall. Everyone I know in the Bernal Community is rooting for her and hoping to see her back in representing us when she has time to rest and heal.”*

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