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Sir,

On Wednesday May 21, 2014, while debating your opponent in the race for the local California Assembly seat, Supervisor David Chiu, you made baseless accusations against this organization and its members. It appears as though you are not satisfied with the initial bashing of the first responders at the Bernal Heights Park Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) in March of this year, and that you now feel compelled to attack the leadership of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, of which I am the elected president.

As the elected POA spokesman, I challenge the accuracy of your public comments, and assert that they were unsubstantiated and malicious. The fact that you did not receive the POA endorsement and Supervisor David Chiu did does not give you license to mislead the citizens and voters of this city with innuendo and untruths.

I take particular umbrage with your statement that more needs to be done to "[make] the police accountable to people of color and to the transgender community." The SFPOA is very proactive in our outreach to these communities.

Within the past year, the POA leadership has established, for the first time in the history of the POA, an LGBT Issues Committee to provide support for our fellow members, and to also outreach to that vibrant community. Our efforts extend to many worthy organizations within the LGBT network. One of the most exceptional groups is the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club. The POA has been a major supporter of this organization for many years. Do you not recall your personal expression of gratitude for that support that you made to the POA, and to me, at the Pride pre-parade breakfast in June of last year?

Also for the first time in the history of the POA, the President of the Officers for Justice, an employee group that represents many of our African American brothers and sisters in

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law enforcement, now sits on the Board of Directors of the POA. The POA most recently became a sponsor of a group of teenagers from Bayview Hunters Point to travel to Africa in order to explore their heritage. The POA has also been long-time supporters of the projects and events at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center in the Western Addition and at the Omega Boys Club in the Potrero.

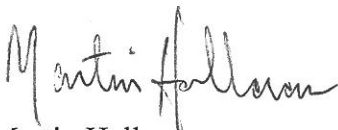
These are the latest steps the SFPOA has made in our support and outreach to the minority and LGBT community, and it is due largely to the commitment and involvement of the *current* POA leadership. That you seem to be unaware of our efforts explains volumes as to your apparent ignorant and irresponsible comments.

You have stated that "the [POA] leadership has not properly represented the interest of its own members" and that "the police officers that you work with are supportive of you because, in fact, the [POA] leadership is what it is."

I protest that assertion since not one -- not a single member of the SFPOA-- has demonstrated to me, or any other board member, support for your candidacy. This is not surprising based on your anti-law enforcement agenda and your most recent berating of our brothers that were forced into that tragic OIS in the Ingleside District.

You also stated in the debate that "the fact that the POA is not supporting me is a good thing."

Finally, Mr. Campos, something we both agree on!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Halloran".

Martin Halloran
President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association

cc: President David Chiu, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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