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Subject: Support for Funding JAG

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to support continued funding for the **Justice and Gender (JAG) Commission**, whose work has been instrumental in ensuring equal access to dignity, inclusion, and justice in our criminal legal system. Now more than ever, we must amplify the voices of our underrepresented community members who are experiencing poverty, the criminalization of mental health and substance use disorders, limited visitation with their children while incarcerated, and barriers to reentry. JAG's upstream work breaks harmful cycles and avoids downstream consequences. JAG provides invaluable support for women, children, and families who are impacted by the criminal legal system, ensuring that our most vulnerable community members have a role in creating policies, practices, and programs designed to strengthen community and keep families together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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