TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY  
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY  
SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE  
DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2016  

Vice Mayor Marie Chuang, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2016, at the Colma Fire House, 50 Reiner Street, Colma, CA 94014.

Please arrive on time

1) Roll Call
2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of March 25, 2016
3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities fulfilling Pacifica City Council Member Mary Ann Nihart’s term through June 30, 2017
   i. Council Member Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking appointment
   ii. Council Member Wayne Lee, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment
   iii. Council Member Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking appointment
4) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) representing Cities fulfilling Daly City Council Member David Canepa’s term through December 31, 2017
   i. Council Member Doug Kim, City of Belmont, is seeking appointment
   ii. Vice Mayor Pradeep Gupta, City of South San Francisco, is seeking appointment
5) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the California Identification System (CAL-ID) representing Cities for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019
6) Selection of two (2) Council Members to serve on the Housing & Community Development Committee representing Cities for a term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020
7) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing **Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside)** for a term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020
   
i.  Council Member Jeffrey Gee, City of Redwood City, is seeking reappointment

8) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing **Central Cities (Eligible cities: Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae and San Mateo)** for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018
   
i.  Council Member Maureen Freschet, City of San Mateo, is seeking reappointment
   ii.  Council Member Sam Hindi, City of Foster City, is seeking appointment

9) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing **Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside)** for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018
   
i.  Mayor Cameron Johnson, City of San Carlos, is seeking reappointment

10) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing **Cities** fulfilling Pacifica City Council Member Mary Ann Nihart’s term through December 31, 2017
   
i.  Council Member Emily Beach, City of Burlingame, is seeking appointment

11) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2017
   **(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)**
   
i.  Council Member Liza Normandy, City of South San Francisco, is seeking appointment

12) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2017
   **(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)**
   
i.  Mayor Pro Tem Mike O’Neill, City of Pacifica, is seeking appointment

13) Oral Communications
   
i.  Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.
   ii.  Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendized for a later meeting date.
If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802.
TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY
SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: MARCH 25, 2016

Vice Mayor Marie Chuang, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee, called for a meeting of the Committee at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016, at the Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

DRAFT MINUTES

1) Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.
   Absent: Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pacifica, and San Bruno.

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December 18, 2015
   
   Motion: Millbrae
   Second: Half Moon Bay
   Noes: None
   Absent: Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pacifica, and San Bruno.

3) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of February 26, 2016
   
   Motion: Atherton
   Second: San Carlos
   Noes: None
   Absent: Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pacifica, and San Bruno.

4) Approval and ratification of the appointments at the February 26, 2016 City Selection Committee Meeting of Mayor Maryann Derwin, Council Member Ken Ibarra, and Council Member Liza
Normandy to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All cities except Daly City are eligible)** for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019

**Motion:** Half Moon Bay  
**Second:** Belmont  
**Ayes:** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pacifica, and San Bruno.

5) Selection of two (2) Council Members to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All cities except Daly City are eligible)** for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019

   i. Mayor Anne Oliva, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment  
   ii. Mayor Cliff Lentz, City of Brisbane, is seeking re-appointment

**Motion:** Millbrae  
**Second:** Atherton  
**Ayes:** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Pacifica, and San Bruno.

6) Oral Communications  
   **None**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.
December 1, 2016

Re: Appointment to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Cities Representative

Dear Honorable Colleagues

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek appointment to the ABAG Executive Board representing cities in San Mateo County.

I have been a member of the San Mateo City Council for two years and have been very active in the City of San Mateo’s local government committees and commissions since 2001. Prior to that I was a superintendent building hospital and laboratory facilities at some of the best known establishments around the Bay Area. I was in charge of budgets, schedules and coordination for very detailed projects and seeing them through to successful completion on all occasions. I believe I have the skills and the experience necessary to work with the ABAG Executive Board in order to meet the goals that we have set under our huge responsibilities including land use, transportation, environmental issues, water treatment and conservation, renewable energy and efficiency, disaster and hazmat mitigation and response.

I have been working on land use in San Mateo since 2001 when I was appointed to the Bay Meadows and Transit Corridor Citizen’s Advisory Committee. Following that three-year assignment, I was appointed to the Public Works Commission where I dealt with issues including environmental and water issues for six years. For two years I have been a member of the ABAG General Assembly. Regarding energy, I am an alternate to the Peninsula Clean Energy Board where within just two years we have made great strides in San Mateo County creating the new default electric energy provider which purchases clean, renewable energy on the open market and provides it to every user in the county at rates lower than the investor owned utility.

Having been a San Mateo County resident since 1958 I feel a very strong sense of purpose in working to make the Bay Area the best housed, most efficiently transited and most environmentally sound region that it can be. I promise to represent the interests of our San Mateo county residents to the best of my abilities.

I am proud of the excellent work that ABAG has done over these many years and would be deeply honored by your appointment to serve representing the cities of San Mateo County. Please feel free to call me at (650) 430-9171 or email me at rbonilla@cityofsanmateo.org if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Thank you,

Rick Bonilla
San Mateo City Councilmember
November 30, 2016

Re: Letter of Intent: Appointment to ABAG Executive Board

Dear Colleagues,

I respectfully ask for your support for the appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. For the last three and a half years, my role as the alternate on ABAG, included attending meetings and voting on behalf of the San Mateo County cities executive board members, the Honorable Maryann Nihart and Pradeet Gupta.

Unfortunately, Councilwoman Nihart is stepping down from the City of Pacifica City Council and her seat on ABAG will become vacant. Councilwoman Nihart has encouraged me to campaign for her seat on ABAG. After consulting with Vice Mayor Gupta and with his encouragements, I determined that our region can benefit with the continuity of the work we have achieved as a team.

It has been an honor to serve in my current role as the alternate on ABAG. It is my desire to continue the work we have been pursuing cities of San Mateo County, to carefully plan the housing and economic base such that each city in our county can be healthy and economically stable. With the influx of technology businesses and the new employees, we as elected officials of the cities of San Mateo County, struggle with the gut-wrenching issues of displacement of the vulnerable and economically challenged. Additionally, our city’s service employees struggle with the local cost of living and cannot afford to live within or near our cities.

Currently, ABAG calculates population growth and housing needs for each city using a modeling program. From the hundreds of letters from municipalities in the Bay Area, it is evident that ABAG’s calculations are in direct conflict and contrary to each city’s studies. The modeling program seems inadequate to account for the unique nature of each city. Cities can participate in a region pool resources to provide the housing, transportation and economic opportunities that may not exist in any one city. We need to leverage each cities strengths and opportunities for the benefit of the region.
Below is a brief summary of my past experiences and achievements.

- Millbrae City Council – 5 years
- Mayor 2014
- Planning Commission – 7 years
- Founding President of the Millbrae Education Foundation
- Senior Inspector at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Environmental Program Manager for Fortune 500 company
- President of the League of Cities Asian Pacific Islanders Caucus
- Small business owner

I respectfully ask for your support for an appointment to the ABAG Executive Board representing the cities of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Lee
City of Millbrae
Council Member
ABAG Executive Board Alternate
November 30, 2016

Re: Association of Bay Area Governments Appointment, City Selection Committee

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I write to seek your support for appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) city seat being vacated by Mary Ann Nihart. As past Mayor of East Palo Alto, former vice-chair of CCAG, and as an active participant in Council of Cities meetings, I have grown to know and engage many of you in discussions of issues affecting our precious cities. I feel it is vitally important to listen and collectively arrive at decisions that affect our cities and the county, and if selected, I will bring this approach to my service on ABAG.

My interest in serving on ABAG’s governing board stems from a deep commitment and faith in representative regional transportation planning coupled with appropriate land use, sound economic development policies, and a firm respect for the environment. This commitment is derived from a true sense that as a diverse nine-county region we can and must cooperate and arrive at reasoned, rational decisions that will prepare our cities and the region to address the urban and rural growth challenges we face. Without a comprehensive blueprint we can all agree on, we are exposed to even greater uncertainty to maintain an economically vibrant and livable region for our children and grandchildren.

I believe I am well prepared to serve on ABAG given my present three years of service on its Regional Planning Committee, its Housing, and Economic Development Sub-Committees, my educational background at Stanford and Harvard where I studied urban economics, urban planning, real estate finance, and transportation studies, and my professional background as an affordable housing developer and land use consultant. As an affordable housing developer who has built housing throughout the Bay Area and the State, I am keenly aware of the need to balance housing affordability, growth, and transportation issues with both the environment and market forces.

In addition, I served three and a half years as a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) advisory bodies. During that time I fully acquainted myself with the structure and workings of the MTC, attending not just advisory committee meetings, but MTC sub-committee and
MTC commissioner meetings. It is vital that San Mateo County cities have someone at the table who can participate fully in the MTC/ABAG merger implementation process from the inception. This process is presently occurring between the two agencies and it is paramount that ABAG’s far more democratic and deliberative governance structure not be lost during this merger.

I am keenly aware of the diversity among San Mateo County cities and of the numerous needs and sometimes-divergent concerns of our cities. I have listened, learned, and struggled with the rest of you to find solutions and craft positions that address local and regional needs without acrimonious debate.

I am by nature a deliberative and consultative person. If selected to serve on ABAG, I will always bring issues affecting our county to the cities for discussion and debate. Only through reasoned discourse, respectful of all positions, and openness to innovative and collaborative solutions can we be assured that we will meet the challenges posed by our need to grow sustainably.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning my candidacy. I am always delighted to discuss issues of policy and implementation with any of you. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or by e-mail: cromero_ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Councilmember
City of East Palo Alto
November 15, 2016

Re: City Selection Committee Appointment: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) City Representative for San Mateo County

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing this to request your support to represent San Mateo County cities as our representative to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors once Vice Mayor David Canepa takes his seat on the Board of Supervisors. I have unique expertise in air quality and can protect our community’s interests and advance the cause of clean air in San Mateo County.

I have 25 years of air quality expertise, having developed air quality policies, clean air plans, air pollution programs, regulatory rulemaking, and technical analyses. This includes:

- Working as an air quality expert for two of the largest air quality districts, South Coast (Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside) and Monterey Bay (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito counties)
- Serving as the public policy consultant to two members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, where I helped develop the groundbreaking electric lawnmower buyback program. In this capacity, I worked with 61 cities in Los Angeles County to support their issues and represent their interests on the policy board
- Developing climate action plans that reduce Greenhouse Gases for jurisdictions throughout California
- Serving as an air quality and GHG consultant for cities throughout California
- Developing air quality technical guidance for South Coast and Monterey Bay air districts that are state-of-the-practice in air quality regulation
- Having a 25-year working relationship with BAAQMD Executive Officer Jack Broadbent

Thank you for considering my appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. I am committed to understanding the air quality concerns of your community and representing your interests on this important regional board. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 239-6300 if you would like to discuss my candidacy further.

Respectfully,

Doug Kim, AICP
Councilmember

cc: Sukhmani S. Purewal, Agenda Administrator
    Marie Chuang, Chair
    Liza Normandy, Vice Chair

One Twin Pines Lane ♦ Belmont, CA 94002
November 21, 2016

Vice Mayor Marie Chuang
Chairperson, San Mateo County City Selection Committee
c/o Sukhmani Purewal, Agenda Administrator & Deputy Clerk of the Board
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: City Selection Committee Appointment: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) City Representative for San Mateo County

Honorable Mayors and City Council Members:

I am requesting your consideration and support for my appointment as the San Mateo County representative to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors, for the seat vacated by Supervisor-elect David Canepa. I summarize four major factors which support my request.

1. As many of you know, a member of a regional agency board requires networking with others on the Board, in order to influence the direction of a regional policy debate. During my last two years on ABAG Board, I have been able to forge corroborative relationship with others by articulating our shared goals and concerns. As a result, President Julie Pierce invited me to join ABAG's many committees, as well as the 5-member ABAG team for the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (includes BAAQMD, MTC, BCDC and ABAG). ABAG Board also voted for me to chair the Regional Planning Committee, succeeding Supervisor Dave Cortese of Santa Clara County. Consequently, since 9 of 21 BAAQMD Board members are also members of ABAG Board, I hope to have a head start on creating a collaborative network at BAAQMD benefitting cities of San Mateo County.

2. According to BAAQMD's mission, its programs and policies are grounded on science and technical analyses which could provide tools such as atmospheric dispersion models. My education including a doctoral degree in electrical engineering from Purdue, coupled with professional experience at Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) has provided me necessary skills to understand the nuances of air quality simulation models and participate effectively in discussions of recommended policy options.

3. As your representative on the ABAG Board, I have kept San Mateo County cities informed of important issues at ABAG as they evolve. I also try to articulate collective interests of all 20 cities at Board meetings. As an example, I have always emphasized the importance of maintaining and strengthening the powers of local jurisdictions to control land use planning, in the context of housing and jobs issues confronting us at ABAG. I plan to develop similar levels of communications and representation of local governments at BAAQMD as your representative.

4. Managing air quality in the Bay Area entails complex trade-offs between the objectives of cleaner air and those of reducing traffic congestion, growing economic opportunities and
building more housing. Being Chair of Regional Planning Committee and a member of CCAG's Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee, my appointment to the BAAQMD Board will enhance coordination and consistency of recommended strategies emanating from all these agencies.

I thank you for considering and supporting my appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 676-0651 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Pradeep Gupta, Ph.D.
Vice Mayor, South San Francisco
November 28, 2016

Re: City Selection Committee
SamTrans – Southern Judicial District Appointment

Honorable Mayors, Council Members and Designees:

It has been my honor to serve my first full term on the SamTrans Board of Directors representing the cities and unincorporated communities of San Mateo County on this important countywide transportation agency board. **I am writing to express my interest in being reappointed to the Southern Judicial District seat on the SamTrans Board of Directors.**

This appointment will be on the December 16, 2016 agenda of the San Mateo County Council of Cities when it meets that evening in Colma.

SamTrans is an integral part of San Mateo County’s transportation and mobility system. Our SamTrans bus and paratransit systems are often the only source of mobility for many of our county’s most vulnerable and geographically constrained residents. Along with the District’s sister transit agencies such as Caltrain and BART, SamTrans provides commuters with the “last mile” connectively essential to keeping them out of their cars and not adding to our increasing traffic congestion issues. The funding and viability of public transportation has a direct impact on the quality of life for all our residents and constituents.

As a Director, and Past Chairman of the SamTrans Board, I have worked very hard to ensure that our communities and the region are working together to give residents reliable public transit choices which expand their mobility options for getting to work and around the County without the use of a car. I also take pride in being available to the elected leaders and stakeholders from every community in the County and for a track record of leadership and decisions which have always been made with a countywide perspective. Through my appointment to SamTrans, I also represent San Mateo County on the Joint-Powers Board (JPB) overseeing the operation of Caltrain and the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) overseeing the construction of the new Transbay Transportation Center in downtown San Francisco.
Below is a snapshot of some of the highlights and accomplishments during my current term and an extended list is included as an attachment to this letter.

**SamTrans**
- Implementation the SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) – the first comprehensive countywide adjustment to bus schedule and routes.
- Served as Chairman of the Board, and oversaw the multi-jurisdictional (SamTrans, SFMTA, VTA) recruitment effort for a new General Manager, resulting in the unanimous selection of Jim Hartnett.
- Advocated for examining how the organization utilizes its real estate assets, especially with regards to potential workforce housing.
- Supported the recent initiation of a study to examine public Express Bus Service on US 101 to reduce traffic congestion by getting commuters out of their cars.

**Caltrain**
- Supported the purchase of additional cars from LA Metro to increase capacity for both passengers and bicycles until electrification is complete.
- Supported full funding for the Caltrain Modernization project and for grade separation funding in San Mateo County.

**TJPA**
- Utilize my professional skills and construction background to support efforts to manage construction costs and keep the project on schedule.
- Supported staff efforts to recover lost time on the construction schedule.

The demand for increased SamTrans service for San Mateo County’s youth and aging populations is expected to grow exponentially in the coming years. At the same time, projections for operating revenues are on the decline. The major goals and challenges facing SamTrans in the next few years include:

- Becoming a financially sustainable organization;
- Optimizing mobility services within San Mateo County and the region as the jobs/housing imbalance continues to worsen;
- Exploring new service models which get people from Caltrain and BART stations to major employment centers along the US 101 corridor;
- Ensuring adequate service is provided to all parts of our community;
- Planning and preparing for the transit needs of the future.

These goals and challenges are intricately woven together throughout our County and throughout the region. Solutions will require common sense, careful oversight, careful decision-making, listening to and partnering with our communities, leveraging programs with other transit agencies, and hard work. Only through regional cooperation and respect for the similarities and differences of each community, will we be able to collectively continue to provide vital transportation services for all San Mateo County residents.
I believe my current term as a Board Member can be characterized by my hard work, active participation, asking of hard questions, championing of new initiatives and leveraging of my professional background and experiences in architecture and construction to ensure that the large and substantial capital programs that are underway are completed on time and on budget.

My demonstrated participation as a board member, combined with my elected and professional experience, capabilities, focus and work ethic have enabled me to address the issues at hand, and to continue to make a difference for our County’s future. Thank you for your consideration and for your support to serve for another term.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Gee, Councilmember
City of Redwood City

Enclosure

C:  John D. Seybert, Mayor
    City Council Members, Redwood City
    Sukhmani Purewal, Agenda Administrator and Deputy Clerk of the Board
SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
JEFF GEE
SAMTRANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATED APPOINTMENTS

SamTrans
- Implementation the SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) – the first comprehensive countywide adjustment to bus schedule and routes.
- Served as Chairman of the Board, and oversaw the multi-jurisdictional (SamTrans, SFMTA, VTA) recruitment effort for a new General Manager, resulting in the unanimous selection of Jim Hartnett.
- Served on the Finance, Legislative and Community Relations Committees.
- Advocated for examining how the organization utilizes its real estate assets, especially with regards to potential workforce housing.
- Supported the recent initiation of a study to examine public Express Bus Service on US 101 to reduce traffic congestion by getting commuters out of their cars.
- Championed the effort to establish an Ad Hoc Audit Committee that is now a Standing Committee of the Board.
- Supported the re-financing of the organization’s long-term debt, extending our “financial cliff” from 2015 to 2025.
- Supported the addition of two high school youths to the Citizens Advisory Council.
- Advocated for increased access to Board meetings through audio recording and internet broadcast of meetings (to be completed by June 2017)

Caltrain
- Supported the purchase of additional cars from LA Metro to increase capacity for both passengers and bicycles until electrification is complete.
- Supported full funding for the Caltrain Modernization project and for grade separation funding in San Mateo County.
- Supported the award of contracts for new electric trains and the electrification infrastructure for the Caltrain Modernization project which will reduce travel times, expand service, and double ridership.
- Advocated for the requirement of one restroom facility on each new train set.
- Utilize my professional experience to advocate for Internal Audits and Budget Forecasting on the Caltrain Modernization project.

TJPA
- Utilize my professional skills and construction background to support efforts to manage construction costs and keep the project on schedule.
- Supported staff efforts to recover lost time on the construction schedule.
- Asked that staff provide monthly updates regarding project costs, schedule impacts, and anticipated issues – the project is now forecast to be complete on schedule (December 2017) and to be $80 million less than previously forecast.
- Currently advocating for the implementation of DTX (Downtown Extension) as soon as financially viable – to have trains run from 4th & King to the new Transbay Terminal.
November 20, 2016

Re: Re-Appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued support as I seek reappointment to my current seat on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) representing the Central Judicial Cities. It has been a distinct honor to represent you and serve the citizens of San Mateo County dealing with some of the most complex and pressing issues of our time.

The TA has achieved significant progress in the last year with approval and funding for major transportation improvements including grade separations, countywide shuttles, pedestrian and bicycle plans, and collaboration with CCAG on a study to address traffic congestion and solutions on the HWY 101 corridor, just to name a few.

The prospect of pursuing and completing many of the critical projects currently in the pipeline is very exciting to me and important to all of us. I will continue to address our common objectives and seek long-range solutions that will benefit all of our communities, and strive to make San Mateo County a transportation model for the Bay Area.

I have enjoyed partnering and collaborating with you as we seek innovative solutions to our shared regional challenges. I appreciate the opportunity to continue our dialogue and welcome your ideas and suggestions. As always, feel free to contact me at 650-350-8115.

My very best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. I look forward to seeing you at the Council of Cities meeting in Colma next month.

Gratefully,

Maureen Freschet
Council Member, City of San Mateo
November 28, 2016

Re: City Selection Committee Appointment – San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), representing Central Cities. As a Councilmember for the City of Foster City, we are located alongside State Route 92 at the terminus of the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge, as well as within the proximity of the Highway 101 & State Route 92 interchange. Foster City, amongst our surrounding cities, have been tremendously impacted by regional transit and mobility issues.

As a representative of our region, my vision and objective is to develop long-term, viable and coordinated solutions that will help our constituents achieve a sustainable future, maintaining and improving their overall quality of life. The challenge facing our cities in regards to infrastructure and traffic mitigation is one of great complexity & many intricacies. It requires significant federal, state and local funds, collaboration between all agencies involved, public & private partnerships, and a change in commuters' behaviors by utilizing various modes of public transit. Through our combined efforts, with the framework set by the Transportation Authority's Strategic Plan, I believe we can work towards making the appropriate decisions for Measure A fund allocation and program implementation.

I have held numerous volunteer and leadership roles in our community, including Vice Chair of the City of Foster City Parks & Recreation Committee, team leader for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Foster City Chamber of Commerce.

In the City of Foster City, I serve on the Transportation Subcommittee. Here we are tasked with developing solutions and identifying areas where we can enhance traffic flow and public transportation; part of which involves partnering with local employers. I also serve as a Council Liaison to the Traffic Review Committee, who receives and reviews appeals or requests from citizens and/or staff regarding traffic matters, to then make recommendations to the City Council. This year, I also serve on the Economic Development Subcommittee which introduced the Scoop Carpool Program in partnership with our neighboring city, San Mateo, and large businesses in Foster City in our effort to alleviate traffic by encouraging commuters to abandon single vehicle commuting. The program has been a great success as we allocated $60,000 to subsidize the program.

Regionally, I serve on the Board of Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Commute.org), which is a public transportation service in San Mateo County. The Alliance operates a shuttle bus network that supplements SamTrans service and provides the last mile connection to and from public transit stations, as well as providing tools and apps connecting carpoolers in an
easy and efficient way. I am also actively involved in the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable, a voluntary committee that addresses community noise impacts from aircraft operations at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

Based upon my demonstrated participation in these other organizations and the priority I have set on this matter, I believe we can collectively address the countywide transportation needs of our citizens, bringing forth careful oversight and decision-making that will support innovative solutions. As I like to advocate, as representatives we should remain "Committed to community, dedicated to progress."

I appreciate your consideration of my appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA). Please do not hesitate to contact me at (650)286-3503 or at shindi@fostercity.org if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sam Hindi
Councilmember, City of Foster City

cc:  Sukhmani S. Purewal, Agenda Administrator & Deputy Clerk of the Board
     City Council, City of Foster City –
     Herb Perez, Mayor
     Charlie Bronitsky, Vice Mayor
     Gary Pollard, Councilmember
     Catherine Mahanpour, Councilmember
     Kevin M. Miller, City Manager, City of Foster City
December 1, 2016

Dear colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve you on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority as the South County representative for almost the past two years. I am writing to seek your support for my reappointment to the board at the upcoming Council of Cities meeting.

We have taken important steps over the past two years to improve mobility and transportation infrastructure in San Mateo County, including contributing funding to the electrification of Caltrain, highway interchange improvements, a critical grade separation, commuter shuttles, and bike and pedestrian improvements. We have also moved forward the long term Highway 101 managed lanes project to reduce traffic congestion on this vital transportation corridor.

During my tenure as a board member I have contributed meaningful comments to our discussions, and volunteered to serve on two subcommittees. I have taken votes to preserve the integrity of the Transportation Authority, even when it has come at the expense of projects for my own city.

I am excited about the work ahead to improve transportation options for all of our residents, and I would be honored to have your support for reappointment to the Transportation Authority.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Should you have any questions, I can be reached on my cell phone at 650-796-7997.

Sincerely,

Cameron Johnson
Mayor of San Carlos
Honorable Colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors representing the Peninsula Cities-at-Large. I am passionate about improving our infrastructure and providing cost-effective, convenient, sustainable transportation alternatives. Thoughtful investment in transit significantly improves our quality of life and helps solve our housing and environmental challenges.

I think about transit often. Two favorite books on my nightstand include Walkable City and Traffic. My family relies on multi-modal transit every day. Ours is a one-car family of committed cyclists. I bike to most city meetings in Burlingame, and often ride Caltrain to regional meetings. My husband commutes daily to San Francisco by bicycle and rides Caltrain or BART home. My children bike and walk to school. I’ve lived in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, so I understand how highly functional (and dysfunctional!) transit systems impact quality of life, the economy, and the environment.

Our Cities-at-Large TA Board Member must represent all cities fairly. She should be a curious thinker who listens well, seeks to understand the local needs of our diverse cities, sees the big picture, and works collaboratively to address the transportation needs of our county. Our citizens’ tax dollars must be responsibly and equitably distributed to yield maximum regional impact. The list of worthy transportation projects is long. Caltrain electrification, east-west connections, 101 corridor improvements, shuttle systems, grade separations, Dumbarton Corridor, bike/pedestrian improvements, and the ongoing need for road maintenance require thoughtful Board Members to make decisions in accordance with the TA’s five-year strategic plan.

I feel fortunate to have bandwidth for this added responsibility. Second only to family, Councilmember commitments are my top priority. I take advance meeting preparation seriously. I am a big-thinker and an optimist. I am engaged. I ask tough questions and participate respectfully in debates. My colleagues on regional transportation bodies like the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Makers Group where I serve as Vice Chair, C/CAG’s Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee, and Commute.org Board of Directors have seen me demonstrate these qualities.

Additionally, my professional experience has prepared me to be a strong SMCTA Board Member. Since graduating from the University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN) with a B.A. in Government and Spanish, my career has been rooted in teamwork. I am a former U.S. Army Captain, Business Unit Manager in the technology industry, and President of a non-profit fundraising organization. I know how
to work with diverse groups of people to tackle challenges, build consensus, set goals, and achieve results.

Thank you for considering me for appointment to the Transportation Authority Board of Directors on December 16th. See you at the Firehouse!

Respectfully,

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November 28, 2016

Honorable Mayors and City Council Members:

I write to ask for your support for my appointment as Chair to the SMC Council of Cities’ Selection Committee. For the past year, I have served as your Vice Chair and have had the pleasure of working in concert with Chair Marie Chuang and Secretary Lori Liu. I have enjoyed meeting and working with many of you and look forward to serving as your Chair in 2017.

As the Vice Chair of the SMC Council of Cities Selection Committee, I established a Council of Cities' Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SMCCouncilofCities/, and a City Clerk checklist accompanied with helpful hints for booking a venue for our monthly dinner meetings. I also set up protocols to ensure that our meetings would allow us to address important topics while being mindful of our time. My objective was not only to motivate future chairs to take on one of the two leadership roles within the Council of Cities' Selection Committee, but to ensure that all of you have the latest information on upcoming meetings and the prerequisite information for the regional seats for which we seek appointment.

Should you want additional information or you have any questions, I can be reached at (650) 291-4752 or liza.normandy@ssf.net. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Liza Normandy  
Council Member  
City of South San Francisco
November 29, 2016

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I would like to ask for your support for the open position of Vice Chairperson of the Selection Committee.

I have served on the Pacifica City Council for four years and prior to that on the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees for fourteen years.

I have attended many of the monthly dinners and am familiar with the format and purpose of the meetings. While on the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees I served as Treasurer of the School Board Association.

The monthly dinners are an important opportunity for the political leaders of the Peninsula to gather together, network and discuss common concerns and challenges we each face on a constant basis.

As Vice Chairperson of the Selection Committee I will make every effort to support the Chair and the hosting city each month.

I humbly request your support for the position of Vice Chairperson of the City Selection Committee.

Warm Regards,

Mike O'Neill
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Pacifica