Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a virtual meeting of the Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.

City Selection Committee does not fall under Ralph M. Brown Act; however, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Thus, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, local and statewide health orders, and the CDC’s social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, the regular meeting will not take place in Colma but instead will be held virtually via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/96295735956. The meeting ID is 962 9573 5956. If joining via telephone, please dial +1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 962 9573 5956, then press #.

AGENDA

1) Roll Call

2) Approval of the following minutes:
   i. Regular City Selection Committee meeting of December 18, 2020; and
   ii. Special City Selection Committee meeting of January 5, 2021.

3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an Alternate member on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining term of Carlos Romero through June 30, 2021.
   i. Vice Mayor Richa Awasthi, City of Foster City, is seeking appointment
   ii. Councilmember Anders Fung, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment

4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember from City Selection Committee to be nominated to fill Association of Bay Area Governments’ (ABAG’s) South Bay representative position on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (only Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto are eligible), for a term of two years ending December 31 of second year of
appointment OR ends when appointee ceases to hold elected office. **Note:** Nomination will be forwarded to ABAG President Jesse Arreguin, who will invite selected candidates from either Alameda County, Santa Clara County, or San Mateo County to interview.

5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing **Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Karyl Matsumoto through December 31, 2022
   
   i. Mayor Juslyn Manalo, City of Daly City, is seeking appointment
   ii. Mayor Rico Medina, City of San Bruno, is seeking appointment

6) Selection of three (3) Councilmembers to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)** for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2021 through February 29, 2024.
   
   i. Councilmember Sam Hindi, City of Foster City, is seeking reappointment
   ii. Vice Mayor Sara McDowell, City of San Carlos, is seeking reappointment
   iii. Vice Mayor Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking reappointment

7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an Alternate member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Harvey Rarback through 1st Monday in May 2023.
   
   i. Councilmember Diana Reddy, City of Redwood City, is seeking appointment

8) Oral Communications and Announcements
   
   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.
DRAFT MINUTES

Due to COVID19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020.

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

Absent: None

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of February 28, 2020.

Motion: Atherton
Second: Belmont
Ayes (14): Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, South San Francisco, and Woodside
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions (6): Brisbane, Colma, Foster City, Hillsborough, Pacifica, and San Mateo

3) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining terms of Wayne Lee and Rich Garbarino through June 30, 2021.

i. Councilmember Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking appointment
ii. Councilmember Giselle Hale, City of Redwood City, is seeking appointment
iii. Councilmember Mark Nagales, City of South San Francisco, is seeking appointment
iv. Vice Mayor Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking appointment

Councilmember Rick Bonilla, San Mateo withdrew his nomination.

Each Mayor or Proxy voted for two candidates via private chat with the Secretary on Zoom.

**VOTE RESULTS**

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* To be appointed, majority of eleven (11) votes are needed. Giselle Hale, City of Redwood City and Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto received the majority and were appointed.

4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a regular member on the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

  i. Councilmember Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto is seeking appointment

**Motion to appoint Ruben Abrica:** Hillsborough

**Second:** Woodside

**Ayes:** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None
5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an *Alternate* on the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) representing *Cities (All Cities are eligible)*, for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Councilmember Christine Krolik, Hillsborough was nominated from the floor.

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

6) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve on the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) representing *Cities (All Cities are eligible)*, for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

   i. *Mayor Ron Collins, City of San Carlos, is seeking reappointment*
   ii. *Councilmember Donna Colson, City of Burlingame, is seeking reappointment*

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

7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing *Cities (All Cities are eligible)*, fulfilling the remaining term of Rich Garbarino through 1st Monday in May 2021.

   i. *Councilmember Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment*
   ii. *Vice Mayor Ann Schneider, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment*

Vice Mayor Ann Schneider, Millbrae withdrew her nomination.

**Motion to appoint Harvey Rarback:** Belmont
**Second:** Brisbane
**Ayes:** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside
**Noes:** None
**Absent:** None
8) Selection of one (1) Councilmember 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 four (4) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Jeff Gee, Redwood City was nominated from the floor.

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

9) Selection of one (1) Councilmember 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, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

   i. Councilmember Julia Mates, City of Belmont, is seeking reappointment
   ii. Councilmember Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment

Councilmember Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay withdrew his nomination.

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

10) Selection of one (1) Councilmember 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, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

   i. Vice Mayor Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment

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

11) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2021
(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

   i. Chair Sue Vaterlaus, City of Pacifica, is seeking reappointment

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

12) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2021
(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

   i. Vice Chair Regina Wallace-Jones, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment

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

13) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
To: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

From: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY

Subject: MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Due to COVID19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

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

Absent: Foster City and Half Moon Bay

Chair Sue Vaterlaus welcomed the Mayors/proxies and provided a brief explanation on why this Special meeting was being held. Mayor Charles Stone, Belmont who currently serves on Caltrain Board also gave opening remarks on why there was an urgency to fill the vacant position on Caltrain.

2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) representing Cities from among the three Councilmembers on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board - there is no term limit

Foster City joined the virtual Zoom meeting.

CouncilMember Jeff Gee, Redwood City was nominated from the floor.

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

3) Oral Communications and Announcements
None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.
January 12, 2021

RE: CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as an Alternate on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board.

As your representative, I will work tirelessly to develop long-term, viable, and coordinated solutions that will help our constituents achieve a sustainable future. Land use decisions must be made soundly, and there needs to be a commitment to achieving balance between housing affordability and growth. A consideration and understanding of transportation and environmental challenges are also key.

What has prepared me to best serve you today on the ABAG Executive Board is having been a Councilmember since 2018. During this time, I have tackled a breath of issues in my regional assignments. It includes having served on the C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee, Emergency Services Council, and Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Commute.org), to name a few.

My priority will always be to remain engaged with you. I will bring a cooperative spirit and voice for the unique challenges each of our communities face. This is an opportunity to shape our communities now and well into the future. And I am dutifully committed to bringing careful oversight and decision-making to best represent our region.

I appreciate your consideration of my appointment as an Alternate on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (650) 286-3504 or at rawasthi@fostercity.org.

Sincerely,

Richa Awasthi
Vice Mayor, City of Foster City
cc:  Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
     City Council, City of Foster City
     Peter Pirnejad, City Manager, City of Foster City
January 14, 2021

City Selection Committee
C/o Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary of City Selection Committee
Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
400 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Appointment to the Executive Board Alternate Member

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Selection Committee members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving in the ABAG Executive Board Alternate Member Position. Having previously served as the chairman of the Millbrae Planning Commission, and with my private profession as a homebuilder, as well as a principal owner of a design/build firm, I have a unique understanding of transit-oriented development and urban planning. With housing and affordability issues continue to be a major legislative and policy focus within the Bay Area, I feel I am well-placed to contribute immediately for the Executive Board.

Furthermore, my time as an entrepreneur grants me necessary experience for this role as well. As a professional homebuilder/designer, all my developments are Green Point certified to be aligned with the most stringent environmental regulations, and ensure that they are built in environmentally friendly urban village living style. Through my profile of developments in San Francisco & San Mateo counties, I have developed an acute understanding of how we can best build environmentally friendly new housing, while minimizing the amount of government regulation.

As a Planning Commissioner (2017-2020), Millbrae approved 2 major transit-oriented developments. With my experience and guidance, we negotiated further below market rate housing, and guided our developments to increase sustainability. My plan for the future is all about maximizing our regional strengths. Our key strength is its transit-oriented ability throughout the San Mateo peninsula. So, my approach to development takes this strength, and furthers it by integrating this existing infrastructure into our regional development plans. This means increasing capacity around high-density routes and increase local public transportation in our region. I believe this will be the direction of the Peninsula as time continues, and a vision shared by many of us here in local government. With a position on the ABAG Executive Board, we can bring this vision to fruition.
As a first generation immigrant, I understand the importance of diversity, and having a seat at the table. Therefore I served on the board of directors for the Peninsula Chinese Business Association (501c3) since 2015. In this capacity, I worked tirelessly with the local community to create scholarship programs for local students, and donating funds to help school improve technology literacy. I am a strong believer that education is the best way to promote minority civic engagement, raising awareness of issues for immigrant families, and encouraging their participation in our democratic process. My active volunteer services have given me the pulse for our community, especially during the pandemic, and an understanding of how we can best affect positive change for them. And I hope by being able to effectuate changes at the greater Bay Area regional level, I can be a strong advocate for the people of color and the immigrant communities.

I appreciate the vast volume of hard work that ABAG have done over these years and would be deeply honored by your appointment to serve the Bay Area. I look forward to becoming a regional partner to all the elected and bring about more positive changes to our region.

I respectfully submit this letter of interest and would be honored to have your support to be appointed to the ABAG Executive Board as an alternate member.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anders Fung
Councilmember
City of Millbrae
Anders@andersfung.org
January 6, 2021

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee
Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Sent via regular email spurewal@smcgov.org

RE: Letter of Interest for the Northern Seat on SamTrans

Dear Mr. Purewal:

It is with utmost enthusiasm that I express interest in fulfilling the remaining term of Karyl Matsumoto on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), representing the Northern Judicial Cities of Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco.

I am dedicated to ensuring that my local community voice is represented. I originally served as a member of the City of Daly City’s Personnel Board, prior to my installation as a member of the City Council in 2016 and nomination to Vice Mayor upon entering office. I am currently serving my second term as Mayor and believe both the Daly City community and workforce have benefitted tremendously from the leadership in my roles. Holding a Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis in Public Management has helped shape crucial public policy decisions involving challenging and often controversial topics, along with diplomacy and forward-thinking.

During my first term as Mayor in 2018, Daly City faced several controversial and emotionally charged community issues. Of note is an incident that involved racism amongst community members, and I lead with my heart when joining the community together despite race, gender, background to “Love Not Hate” one another.

Uniting community members has been an emphasis of my leadership. During my recent term as Vice Mayor, the global pandemic presented many challenges to our City and exacerbated many underlying issues within our community, including transportation. Our Bayshore community has long-suffered from a lack of transportation means. Providing unwavering support to utilize Measure A funds and Lifeline Transportation Program grants to continue the operation of the Bayshore Shuttle continues to keep the Bayshore neighborhood connected to the needed shopping, grocery, and medical destinations in Daly City, San Francisco and other areas of the Peninsula.

Transportation that accommodates an aging population is of significant importance, as 23% of Daly City’s population is over the age of 60, which is the most rapidly growing age demographic in the City. Daly City is one of the first cities in San Mateo County to receive the official “Age-Friendly City” designation from the World
Health Organization (WHO). The 3rd Domain of Livability: Transportation is the next focus of the City’s Age-Friendly Task Force.

I also advocated for new and innovative approaches, including the City’s updated Walk Bike Daly City, creating a roadmap for the next generation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements as the City experiences new development and population increases.

I understand the importance in enhancing local mobility between the East and West regions and having accessible transit for our communities in the Peninsula.

I proudly served on the SamTrans Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) beginning in 2014 through 2017 as both Vice Chair and Chairwoman, along with representatives from all over the Peninsula. The SamTrans CAC was a sounding board of residents who voiced their concerns that I listened to wholeheartedly during the decision-making process. The SamTrans staff provided budgetary, programmatic and outreach presentations. This knowledge gave me a great foundation on the infrastructure of SamTrans, which in turn allowed me to provide substantial input as a rider, resident, and advocate.

I also sit on several council subcommittees, including affordable housing, transportation, and ethics, to name a few. My participation and governance in these working groups have been instrumental in tackling small issues before they became more problematic. In prospering times or times of crisis, my demeanor remains calm and collected. I seek to understand all perspectives while balancing the need to take action on time sensitive issues.

I continue to be a voice not only for our Northern County community, but also within our County and throughout the region, especially in these trying times. I maintain an open line of communication, always making myself available to the public and will make myself available to each and every one of you—my esteemed colleagues on the Council of Cities.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my appointment to the Northern Seat on SamTrans. I am certain of my experience, excellence in leadership and stewardship and would be humbled by your vote to serve in this role.

Sincerely,

Juslyn C. Manalo
Mayor
City of Daly City

cc: Town of Atherton City Council
    City of Brisbane City Council
    Town of Colma City Council
    City of Foster City City Council
    Town of Hillsborough City Council
    City of Millbrae City Council
    Town of Portola Valley City Council
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    City of Half Moon Bay City Council
    City of Menlo Park City Council
    City of Pacifica City Council
    City of Redwood City City Council
    City of San Carlos City Council
    City of South San Francisco City Council
January 8, 2021

RE: Re: San Mateo County Transportation District (SamTrans) - Northern Judicial District

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

With the retirement of Karyl Matsumoto from the South San Francisco City Council and her subsequent appointment to the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors (SamTrans) representing the Northern San Mateo County seat, a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge and regional influence has been lost.

Even in normal times, this would require a replacement appointment experienced in transportation issues to hit the ground running. In our current situation resulting from the pandemic and related economic crisis the need for experience in the next appointee for this seat is essential.

I am applying for the position in order to use my direct transportation and infrastructure experience as Vice-Chair of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for the Northern Jurisdiction to minimize the learning curve and be effective immediately.

While the appointment is geographically based, I will as proven represent every San Mateo County community and jurisdiction in my capacity as a member of the Board of Directors. My goal with every vote is to evaluate the benefits and impacts of each policy and funding decision to ensure the best return on investment and mobility outcomes for our County, all the cities and towns, and the residents and taxpayers we serve.

The pandemic, economic crisis, and ensuring revenue and ridership impacts to SamTrans and Caltrain do not allow us the luxury of on-the-job training for new board members if we are going to keep our transportation systems solvent and plan for service recoveries to meet the demands of an eventual economic recovery and return to work scenario where the demand for transit will rebound.

And if the tense debates between San Francisco, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties last summer in the effort to place the Caltrain 1/8 cent tax measure on last November’s ballot are any foreshadowing - the December 31, 2021 deadline for a new Caltrain governance agreement and the future of SamTrans being the operating agency for Caltrain will involve more tense debates over the next twelve months.

San Mateo County will need to be a unified voice in our negotiations with elected leaders in San Francisco and elected leaders in Santa Clara and I have nothing stopping me from advocating on behalf of SamTrans and San Mateo County.

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www.sanbruno.ca.gov
January 8, 2021

I respectfully ask for your support for appointment to the San Mateo County Transit District Northern seat. Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions please contact me at 650-554-8453.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Rico E. Medina
Mayor
City of San Bruno
January 15, 2021

RE: Re: San Mateo County Transportation District (SamTrans) - Northern Judicial District

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I want to provide clarification to the interest letter I submitted for the vacant seat on the San Mateo County Transit District Board. As you may know I currently hold the Transportation Authority seat for the Northern District. Should I be lucky enough to be selected to the SamTrans Board, it would be my intent to vacate the TA seat I currently hold once a replacement has been selected from the Council of Cities, I hope this clears up any confusion.

Thank you again for your consideration, should you have any questions please contact me at 650-554-8453 or via e-mail at rmedina@sanbruno.ca.gov

Respectfully,

Rico E. Medina
Mayor
COUNCILMEMBER SAM HINDI
City of Foster City

January 13, 2021

RE: CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – HOUSING ENDOWMENT AND REGIONAL TRUST (HEART) BOARD

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues:

Please accept this letter as my statement of interest in continuing to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board.

I have been a Councilmember for the past 5 years, 2 of which I have served as Mayor, and now re-elected to proudly serve for the next 4 years. My experience thus far on State, County, and regional boards have enabled me to be well-equipped as your representative on the HEART Board. The most relevant experience of which is having served as a HEART Board Member for the past year.

The housing needs throughout the Bay Area, particularly San Mateo County, have become increasingly critical. However, I do believe we can work collaboratively to address the housing crisis, to bring forth a wide-range of solutions to help build, finance, and develop programs that make housing more accessible and attainable by all. This is the very reason I delved into being a member of the Strategic Options Working Group for HEART, working alongside a few of my fellow HEART Board colleagues appointed by Chair Don Horsley.

Our working group has been convening weekly since November 2020 to explore potential solutions to the affordable housing crisis and how HEART can be more relevant. Our work is still in progress, as we look towards developing a robust plan with programs and/or policies that leverage both private & public partnerships. Once that is complete, this will be brought forth to the HEART Board as a whole for consideration. Having been actively involved in this, I would like to serve another term on the HEART Board so as to provide continuity and bring it to fruition.

In line with HEART’s mission, I have always been an advocate for affordable housing opportunities in our communities. Most recently, I played an instrumental role in preserving the affordability of 50 below market rate units at one of Foster City’s apartment complexes for an additional year. This was a culmination of countless hours and meetings to find a solution that ultimately prevented the displacement of some of our most vulnerable, long-term residents. This is just one demonstration of how I believe I can serve as a voice for our small cities. I promise to bring the same tenacity and passion on a regional scale.

Respectfully, I ask for your support in my re-appointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 206-9550 or at shindi@fostercity.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss my candidacy.
Thank you for your consideration of my interest.

Sincerely,

Sam Hindi
Councilmember, City of Foster City

cc: Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Council, City of Foster City
Peter Pirnejad, City Manager, City of Foster City
January 11, 2021

To: City Selection Committee
Re: Re-Appointment to Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask for your support for re-appointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors. It has been an honor to contribute to the great work HEART has achieved over the last two years and I would deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue in my role. Increasing affordable housing opportunities for our low- and middle-income residents continues to be a top priority of mine. At the city level, I am proud that affordable housing is a strategic priority for our Council and construction has begun on a 24-unit, 100% affordable housing development. On a regional level, I recently served as a member of the Home for All Funding Task Force, which brought together officials and staff countywide to track affordable housing opportunities and funding sources, including the State’s Local Housing Trust Fund.

In the last year, HEART’s accomplishments include drafting environmentally-friendly accessory dwelling unit plans that will be offered at no cost to homeowners interested in building an ADU. These plans will help reduce costs and streamline the approval process for building a new pipeline of affordable housing in our communities. HEART’s First Time Homebuyer Program also saw tremendous growth, with loans nearly doubling as compared to 2019. Prior to the pandemic, I attended one of HEART’s workshops for first-time homebuyers in San Carlos. The strong attendance at the event was further proof to me of the great need for this service. Projects under development thanks in part to HEART funding include housing in San Mateo, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City, which will serve veterans, families, and homeless/at risk individuals. In Pacifica, HEART has contributed funding and advisory services for the development of much-needed teacher housing.

I am proud to be a member of the HEART Board and I strongly believe in HEART’s mission to create more affordable housing opportunities. The pandemic has made clear that safe and affordable housing is critical to the well-being of our communities, and our work must continue in order to meet this need. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my service on HEART’s Board of Directors and respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sara McDowell
Vice Mayor, City of San Carlos

cc: San Carlos City Council
December 21, 2020

Re: Reappointment to HEART Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Council Colleagues,

I write to request your consideration and support for my reappointment to the HEART Board of Directors.

As a council member, community activist and deeply involved volunteer for many years in San Mateo, I remain engaged in finding creative ways to provide affordable housing for all of our residents. I have been thoroughly committed to this goal since my appointment by the San Mateo City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transportation Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee in 2001 and have focused on creating a mix of housing opportunities that allow for residents of different income levels to become part of San Mateo. As a HEART Board Member, I have enjoyed and worked hard at expanding my efforts to all of San Mateo County.

My City Council external agency assignments include ABAG, C/CAG CMEQ Committee, Peninsula Clean Energy, Commute.org, SBWMA and Cal Cities along with HEART. These assignments put me at the intersection of transportation planning, County traffic congestion relief, sustainability and renewable energy efforts, waste collection and diversion as well as creating viable options for affordable housing and shelter for our low-income residents as well as the homeless and Veterans.

At this time, as Vice Chair of the HEART Board, I am also a member of the Strategic Options Working Group.

In addition to my volunteer and Council experience, my background in construction provides the right mix of experience to continue to be an active member of this board as we strive to meet what continues to be one of the most pressing needs in San Mateo County today – affordable housing!

I would be deeply honored by your reappointment to the HEART Board of Directors. 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.

I sincerely appreciate your support.

Rick Bonilla
Deputy Mayor
City of San Mateo
January 12, 2021

Sukhmani Purewal
Assistant Clerk of the Board
County of San Mateo
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA  94063

Re: City Selection Committee
   Local Agency Formation Committee seat

Dear Mr. Purewal:

Please accept this letter as my Letter of Interest for the position of Alternate to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). My exposure to LAFCo began with my role as Secretary to the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees and the occasional need to negotiate boundaries. Later, in my role as a housing advocate, I appreciated their work in making it possible for jurisdictions to work together to make projects possible when boundaries were shared. I look forward to being part of this little known but important body.

Sincerely,

Diana Reddy
City Council
City of Redwood City
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