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CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at **6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021**, at Colma Fire House, 50 Reiner Street, Colma CA 94014.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) representing *Cities* (all Cities are eligible), for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.
 - i. *Councilmember Davina Hurt, City of Belmont, is seeking reappointment*
- 3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing *Cities* (all Cities are eligible) for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023
 - i. *Councilmember Emily Beach, City of Burlingame, is seeking reappointment*
- 4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing *Northern Cities* (Eligible Cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco) for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023
 - i. *Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, City of South San Francisco, is seeking reappointment*
- 5) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2022
(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)
- 6) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2022
(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)
 - i. *Councilmember Eddie Flores, City of South San Francisco, is seeking appointment*

7) 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 or via email at spurewal@smcgov.org



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San Mateo County City Selection Committee
The Honorable Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson
% Sukhmani S. Purewal, Secretary
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December 3, 2021

Dear Honorable Chairperson, Mayors and City Council Members of San Mateo County,

I am writing to you to request your support so that I may continue to represent the 20 cities and towns of San Mateo County on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors (BAAQMD.)

As we are aware, BAAQMD aims to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality and the global climate.

Recently, I was appointed to the Executive Committee for the BAAQMD positioning me to advocate for our communities more effectively. Moreover, my appointment to this regional board has enabled me to gain an appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom with confirmation by the California State Senators to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the air quality regulatory body for the state.

As a board member of the CARB, I am one of only three board members appointed from locally elected positions that bring the direct voice of cities, towns and counties to the important work of CARB. Since my appointment, I have hit the ground running by forging new relationships for the county, bolstering existing ones, and making policy decisions to implement funding from the California State Budget as well as a range of programmatic funds derived from fees and penalties that will shape how well our communities transition to a green economy and attain carbon neutrality.

It is an understatement to say that the past few years of Covid-19 have been difficult for families and communities. The pandemic has revealed and exacerbated many challenges within communities greatly impacted by air pollution while also incentivizing and accelerating our common focus to improve the health and well-being of our constituents through innovative air quality policy, regulation and investment.

Like all of you, we have had many responsibilities during this time that have called us to focus on the health and well-being of our communities and families. Thus, it has been my honor representing San Mateo County Cities on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on all of our behalf.

Since my appointment, I have pushed BAAQMD professional staff to improve and deepen community engagement strategies with our county and all Bay Area counties to better understand the unique challenges and opportunities in San Mateo County. With this improved knowledge and understanding, BAAQMD has begun exploring new frameworks for developing policy. I look forward to furthering my understanding and expertise by continuing to closely work with staff and board leadership that is focused on community collaboration, improved public health outcomes, and vigorously pursuing meaningful climate goals.

I was honored and humbled to be selected as a member of California's official delegation to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Scotland last month. At every level of community and government, we have critical work to do to combat climate change. I have returned with ideas on how we can invest and support our cities in achieving carbon neutrality while doing so with equity at the forefront.

As a BAAQMD board member, I have successfully advocated for clear air filters for San Mateo County communities that have both stationary and mobile sources of air pollution, supported regulatory efforts to decrease large-scale sources of pollution in the region and strategically invested resources in historically underserved communities.

For the last decade, I have dedicated my time and energy to help shape local, regional and state policy to enhance and strengthen consumer protection, public transportation, social justice and building healthy, sustainable communities. I have seen from the ground up how residents and stakeholders engage regarding these issues and how agencies and communities can work better together.

Leadership means listening, learning and acting - this is what we do in San Mateo County to make positive changes.

As a policymaker, I will continue to work to make a positive difference for our communities. As co-chair of the first Community Equity Health and Justice Committee for the BAAQMD, I have invested time and effort with communities and the committee to provide policy recommendations to the full board and staff to ensure traditionally underrepresented and under-resourced communities benefit greatly from district investments and regulatory policy to improve air quality and health outcomes. I am committed to continuing to fulfill BAAQMD's critical mission and to take a progressive approach to regulate air pollution by internal and external systems.

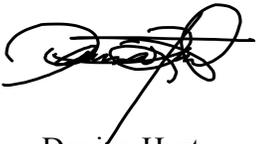
Throughout my tenure on the BAAQMD board, I have made great effort to learn about the regulatory and programmatic efforts of the district – which are many. The work of the district is critically important to protecting and improving public health and in meeting the challenges of decarbonization to mitigate the worst outcomes of climate change. In concert with the Chair and my colleagues, I will remain an advocate for meaningful regulation, transparency and accountability. In addition, I am passionately committed to ensuring programs such as the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP), Clean Cars for All Program, the Clean Air Filtration Program, and the Spare the Air service continue to provide tangible and equitable benefits to all district residents.

As a current board member of BAAQMD and CARB, I am gaining a unique perspective on the hard work that the board will need to be invested in to continue California’s planned transition to a zero-emission future.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving with your trust as a San Mateo County Cities’ representative, Secretary for BAAQMD, and board member for CARB. I will continue to work hard and advocate for the needs of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Davina Hurt

City of Belmont Councilwoman/Former Mayor

Board member, California Air Resources Board

Director, Bay Area Air Quality Management District of San Mateo County Cities

Vice-Chair, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County



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December 1, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I would be honored to earn your support as I seek reappointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) Board of Directors representing Peninsula Cities-at-Large. I am passionate about improving our county's mobility with cost-effective and equitable solutions. I prioritize transparency, fiscal responsibility, and sustainability – core values that guide my work on the TA. Serving on the TA has been a highlight of my public service, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity you've given me to serve during the past five years.

I take my role as your Cities-at-Large Representative seriously, and I always cast my vote with the long-term best interests of San Mateo County residents in mind. I've worked hard to earn your trust by actively listening and seeking your perspectives, touring your communities, preparing diligently for meetings and policy discussions, and by working to spread Measure A & W grant dollars fairly throughout the county. In my 2019 letter of interest, I promised you that I would consistently advocate for sustainability, mode-shift, and equity – and that I would never become complacent about our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of San Mateo County. I'm proud to report back about how I've delivered on these promises.

Fiduciary Duty

During the remaining 11-year life of Measure A and 27-year life of Measure W, our County will entrust the TA Board to administer more than \$2.5 billion in transportation funds and oversee past Measure A commitments. I've worked proactively with our finance staff to fully understand and monitor our revenues and expenditures, and continuously improve the TA's transparency. Special thanks to Director Mates for serving as our Board liaison to help staff to write quarterly TA email updates to you during the past two years. Early in 2022, our Board will also consider migrating our investment portfolio into ESG funds, where environmental, social, and governance factors are integrated into the investment selection process.

Attendance, Engagement, & Continuity

I've demonstrated my commitment to the TA with a high level of engagement and an exemplary attendance record. I've volunteered on TA subcommittees, and I haven't missed a single board or subcommittee meeting during my current term. I attend community outreach meetings about TA projects throughout the County to hear first-hand input from constituents, plus Community Advisory Committee meetings on controversial issues. It's also been my honor to serve as one of three TA representatives on the San Mateo County U.S. 101 Express Lane JPA.

As the longest-serving city representative on the TA, I bring important continuity to our decision-making process – which means we have a relatively young team compared to past TA Boards. I've effectively used my institutional memory to assist colleagues in our decision making—like during our March 2021 discussion about Caltrain electrification's revised budget gap. I insisted TA staff follow-up with a briefing about the TA's "financial backstop" commitment to the Caltrain electrification project, which secured the federal grant five years ago. This decision occurred during my very first SMCTA Board meeting in January 2017.

SMCTA Board Accomplishments

Our TA Board of Directors and staff work closely as a team and I'm proud of our progress and accomplishments. As I close out my two-year term as Chairperson of SMCTA, here are some highlights of the work we've done together:

- Implemented the TA's new 5-Year Strategic Plan which incorporated Measure W funds and core principals. This effort helped us modernize Measure A grant criteria by prioritizing equity and sustainability more than ever before.
- Leveraged the TA's outstanding credit rating to fund a \$100 million loan for the construction of the US 101 Express Lanes. Our innovative financing strategy also enabled San Mateo County to create the first pre-funded Express Lane Equity Program in the United States (rather than waiting for future toll revenues to fund it.) This pioneering program helps low-income community members access the express lanes and provides free public transit passes to encourage sustainable commuting—which is particularly important given that many can't afford to own a car. Our Express Lanes JPA (consisting of three C/CAG Directors and three TA Directors) has also led the state in forward-thinking clean air vehicle toll discount policy. Recently, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) even invited our staff to present an update about our express lane's equity program and analysis as an innovative state-wide model.
- Created and approved the TA's Short Range Highway Program Strategic Plan to prioritize \$2.9 billion in future highway projects (thank you Directors Medina, Mates, and Horsley for their subcommittee work.) This plan ensures highway funds equitably prioritized and distributed throughout the county.
- Developed the TA's first-ever Alternative Congestion Relief Program Strategic Plan to fund Transportation Demand Management (TDM) planning and programs in a way that prioritizes equity and sustainability. On 12/3, our Board will consider recommendation from our subcommittee (thank you Directors Romero and Groom for joining me on this subcommittee) that include the creation of a separate grant process for coastal communities to compete among themselves for TDM grant funds, instead of competing against larger cities along the Caltrain corridor. Our proposal also preferences SamTrans Equity Priority Areas that consider the Peninsula's high cost of living compared to other parts of the state.
- Delivered the largest bike-ped grant in TA History in 2020 (+35% to \$7.7 million which funded 62 projects your cities throughout the county.) Special congrats to Daly City, Redwood City, Half Moon Bay, Belmont, San Carlos, and Atherton for working quickly to build these projects within just one year! We also increased our Safe Routes to School funding by approximately 50% to fund safety infrastructure and crossing guards around our schools.
- Rescued two critical Caltrain projects by backfilling construction gap funding for San Mateo's 25th Avenue Grade Separation and the South San Francisco Caltrain Station.
- Invested significant funds in the planning, design, and implementation of US 101/92 interchange improvements, and Produce Avenue in South San Francisco
- Celebrated TA ribbon-cuttings with many of you in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park (Willow Road overpass) Half Moon Bay (Highway 1 Safety Improvements) San Mateo (25th Avenue Caltrain Grade Separation) -- and we look forward to celebrating the opening of South San Francisco's new Caltrain station next month!
- Co-sponsored a county-wide autonomous vehicle workshop webinar on 11/17/2021 with expert speakers from private and public sectors to help our cities prepare for this transformative technology. The Zoom recording and meeting materials are available for everyone on Granicus at the [following link](#) (note program begins 22:00 minutes into the recording.)

Upcoming SMCTA Work Plan

Looking ahead, I couldn't be more excited about our work plan which includes:

- Developing a strategic plan for Regional Transit Connections category like Dumbarton Rail
- Implementing \$110 million of new highway projects throughout the county

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- Funding planning and construction phases for the county's top four priority Caltrain grade separation projects (three of which are on the CPUC's top ten priority list!)
- Implementing the 101 Express Lanes—including the segment north of 380 to San Francisco—with forward-thinking, equitable, and sustainable policies.

Personal Commitment

Transportation policy is where I've chosen to focus significant time and attention. I believe thoughtful investment in transit improves our community's quality of life and helps address housing and environmental challenges. My service on other regional transportation bodies helps broaden my perspective as a TA decision-maker. I also serve as Vice Chair of Caltrain's Modernization Local Policy Makers Group, Vice Chair of Commute.org Board of Directors, and as a member of C/CAG's Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ), C/CAG's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), and The County Office of Education's Safe Routes to Schools Advisory Committee. This past year during our nation's infrastructure debate, I was appointed to a Federal Transportation and Infrastructure Advocacy Committee with the National League of Cities. I used that platform to advocate on behalf of our region for additional commuter rail funding for Caltrain (the electrification project, service improvements, and safety improvements like grade separations) plus robust bicycle and pedestrian grants for cities. I do my best to stitch together learnings from these committees to add value, insight, and context in our work together. Mobility solutions are also important to me personally. Literally every day, my family depends on Caltrain, SamTrans, the Dumbarton Express Bus line, BART, Commute.org shuttles, bicycles, and pedestrian infrastructure to get us where we need to go.

With your support, I will continue to steward Measure A and Measure W funds to improve our quality of life here in San Mateo County. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you on December 17th!

Respectfully,



Emily Beach
Councilmember and former Mayor
City of Burlingame
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CITY COUNCIL 2021

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MIKE FUTRELL, CITY MANAGER

November 23, 2021

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Selection Committee
C/o Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee/Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

RE: Re-appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) - Northern Jurisdiction Seat

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I seek your support for my re-appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) for the Northern Jurisdiction of San Mateo County. We must continue to have strong representation on the TA to ensure that we have an impactful voice in the direction of transportation in the Bay Area.

It has been my honor to serve on the TA this past year. During my tenure, the TA has made tremendous progress on several key projects, including constructing managed lanes along Highway 101, completing South San Francisco's new Caltrain station, and funding grade separation projects to improve pedestrian safety and local traffic in our communities. Whether it's increasing Caltrain service, building grade separations for Caltrain tracks, expanding Ferry service, envisioning a more robust bicycle and pedestrian network, or exploring new alternative modes of transportation, there are many opportunities ahead for San Mateo County to create a vital transportation network that serves us now and well into the future.

As one of the first Filipino Americans elected to the South San Francisco City Council, I understand how important it is to have a seat at the table. I have advocated for the TA to expand its approaches to addressing equity and inclusion, to ensure that more residents can benefit from the improvements we're making and enjoy a better quality of life. While the pandemic has greatly impacted ridership on public transportation, it's imperative that we plan for our economic recovery and the growing demand for transit as more people return to work post-COVID. In the long-term, public transportation and other alternative modes of transportation must continue to be part of the solution to mitigate traffic gridlock and its impact on the environment.

While I am running for the Northern district seat, I believe strongly in taking a regional approach to our County's transportation challenges. In seeking this re-appointment, I will be a representative for all cities in San Mateo County to voice your concerns, questions, and priorities to the entire TA Board. My door will always be open to anyone to share their conversations and ideas.

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I will continue to look out for the best interests of San Mateo County. I will leverage my experience and connections on the local, State, and Federal levels to strengthen the County's transportation and infrastructure. The recent passage of the Biden Administration's infrastructure plan presents a tremendous opportunity to invest in our future. I pledge to be a regional leader and a strong advocate for you while bringing people together to find sensible solutions. I humbly ask for your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

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Mark Nagales

Vice Mayor

City of South San Francisco



CITY COUNCIL 2021

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December 3, 2021

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Secretary of City Selection Committee/Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Via email: spurewal@smcgov.org

RE: Letter of Interest – City Selection Committee Vice Chairperson 2022

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest and seek your support for the role of Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2022. Our regional body representatives are essential to ensuring the best investments possible to improve the lives of all residents in San Mateo County, and I welcome this opportunity to help lead active and thoughtful dialogue amongst our local elected leaders to ensure our communities remain well represented in each of our regional bodies.

I am only the second Latinx member in the history of the South San Francisco City Council. Prior to that, I was only the second Latinx member in the history of the South San Francisco Unified School District Board, where I had the honor of serving as Board President. Experiences like these have highlighted the value of representation and having a seat at the table, as well as the importance of effective communication, positive relationship building, and managing efficient and productive meetings. I fully appreciate the diversity of perspectives and collaboration that this collective group of leaders brings about. I am ready to serve and engage ALL city/town members and continue enhancing the level of participation in our monthly meetings.

I look forward to partnering with you all to make this a great convening and a safe space for sharing and brainstorming. My dedication to serve is enhanced by my current council appointed seats on the Commute.Org Board of Directors, the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG), and the San Mateo Emergency Services Council amongst others. My experience in serving our communities of color is also heightened by humbly serving as a founding board member of the San Mateo County REACH Coalition, which addresses issues of racial and social equity in San Mateo County, and on the executive board of the San Mateo County Latinx Democratic Club.

In seeking this appointment, I will be a representative to engage all cities in San Mateo County to share ideas, voice concerns, raise questions, and help set our group's priorities. I thank you for your consideration and I humbly ask for your support.

In service,

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Eddie Flores
Councilmember
City of South San Francisco