

SAN MATEO COUNTY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Mayor Rico E. Medina, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a **Special** meeting of the Committee at **11:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom:
To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93013624466>. The meeting ID is 930 1362 4466.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a *Regular* member on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Giselle Hale through June 30, 2023.
 - i. *Millbrae Vice Mayor Maurice Goodman, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment*
 - ii. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking appointment*
 - iii. *South San Francisco Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, is seeking appointment*
- 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 Richa Awasthi through June 30, 2023.
 - i. *Millbrae Vice Mayor Maurice Goodman, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 2 is unsuccessful*
 - ii. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 2 is unsuccessful*
- 4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember 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, 2023 through February 28, 2026.
 - i. *Redwood City Councilmember Diane Howard, is seeking reappointment*
- 5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Rick Bonilla through February 29, 2024.

- i. *Hillsborough Mayor Christine Krolik, is seeking appointment*
- ii. *Millbrae Councilmember Anders Fung, is seeking appointment*
- iii. *Pacifica Councilmember Mary Bier, is seeking appointment*
- iv. *San Bruno Councilmember Marty Medina, is seeking appointment*
- v. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking appointment*

6) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Anne Oliva through February 28, 2025.

- i. *Hillsborough Mayor Christine Krolik, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 5 is unsuccessful*
- ii. *Millbrae Councilmember Anders Fung, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 5 is unsuccessful*
- iii. *Pacifica Councilmember Mary Bier, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 5 is unsuccessful*
- iv. *San Bruno Councilmember Marty Medina, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 5 is unsuccessful*
- v. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 5 is unsuccessful*

7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a *Regular* member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Mike O’Neill through 1st Monday in May 2026.

- i. *Pacifica Mayor Tygarjas Bigstyc, is seeking appointment*

8) 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 Diana Reddy through 1st Monday in May 2023.

9) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) representing **Cities (All cities are eligible)** for a term of four (4) years beginning February 10, 2023, through February 9, 2027

- i. *Millbrae Councilmember Gina Papan, is seeking reappointment*

10) Selection of 1 (one) Councilmember, representing San Mateo County City Selection Committee to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee (ABAG-RPC), fulfilling the remaining term of Rick Bonilla through June 30, 2024.

- i. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking appointment*

11) 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.*



City of Millbrae

621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

MAURICE GOODMAN
Vice Mayor

January 6, 2023

Honorable Mayors, Deputy/Vice-Mayors, and City Council Members
San Mateo County City Selection Committee
400 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers:

I am writing to you to express my interest in serving as a regular or alternate member on the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and to seek your support for appointment to either seat. As a long serving elected official, community volunteer and nonprofit leader, I have developed and maintained relationships throughout our region that can and will uniquely benefit our County with me as a member of ABAG.

I have direct experience in disaster response, housing development, and extensive leadership in working with historically marginalized communities and improving equity outcomes in services related to transportation, employment, education and housing.

I have committed nearly 20 years to utilizing my expertise and experience to improve the quality of life of our community and championing equity and deconstructing and reimagining practices and policies that benefit and improve our entire county and region in all aspects of our residents lives regardless of race, class or gender identity. Serving on ABAG will enable me to further collaboratively help address issues on a large-scale and at a regional level to benefit our entire County from small cities to large.

I humbly implore you to grant me your vote as I would be honored to have your support for this position. If I can provide any additional information that would help you in making your decision or answer any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at mgoodman@ci.millbrae.ca.us or (650) 427-9311.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maurice Goodman
Vice Mayor, City of Millbrae



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January 6, 2023

Re: Appointment to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Executive Board

Dear Honorable Colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek appointment to one of the open seats for the Executive Board representing Cities in San Mateo County. I recently was appointed to the San Mateo City Council. I have been on the Board of the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council since 2001 and I serve on the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee. I have been an advisor to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in different roles since 2003. I will be resigning from MTC February 1, 2023 to avoid any conflict of interest. While on MTC, I was one of a nine-member sub-committee that advised MTC on the development of Transit Oriented Development guidelines (now called Transit Oriented Communities).

I was trained as a teacher but worked in the retail industry until I became employed by the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union where I worked until retirement. After retirement I worked for Congressman Tom Lantos until his death in 2008. I have served on many Boards, Commissions and Committees within the City of San Mateo, The County of San Mateo, the Bay Area as well as the State of California.

I have been working on land use, public works and governance issues in the City of San Mateo since 2000, when I was appointed by the City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transit Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee. Following that three-year assignment, I was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as an Advisor in 2003, where I have served until now. I serve on the Board of San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council and the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee to fund housing in San Mateo County.

I have been a member of the San Mateo City Council for short time but have been appointed to several Boards and Committees in the City of San Mateo. I have been active in San Mateo County by serving on Boards and Committees as well as one year on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury.

I have been a leader in transportation while serving on MTC Policy Advisory Council, the MTC Transit Oriented Development sub-committee, San Mateo County Transportation Authority CAC and the Measure W Oversight Committee.

As a resident of San Mateo County since 1970, I feel a very strong sense of purpose in working to make the Peninsula and Bay Area the best housed, most efficiently transited and most environmentally sound region that it can be. Before now, we have had an extremely efficient and

productive economy. I intend to work hard to return our economy to its former prominence while also bringing equity to all the people in our jurisdictions. I promise to represent the interests of our San Mateo County residents proudly and assertively to the best of my abilities.

I appreciate the huge volume of hard 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) 619-2771 or email me at rhedges@cityofsanmateo.org if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Thank you,



Richard W. (Rich) Hedges.
City Council San Mateo



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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 2023

City Selection Committee

C/o Sukhmani Purewal

Secretary of City Selection Committee/Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

RE: Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

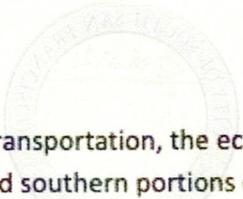
Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I seek your support for the appointment as an Executive Board Member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing San Mateo County.

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. As a former aide to Assemblymember Gene Mullin and Congresswoman Jackie Speier, I have over 10 years of legislative experience addressing various regional issues. I currently serve on the Boards of HEART of San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA). I am also President of the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities and serve on the League's Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee. Professionally, I work as the San Mateo County Outreach Coordinator for Project Sentinel, a non-profit housing counseling agency. Every day, I speak with both tenants and landlords from all over the County seeking advice on their rights and responsibilities regarding housing issues. The volume of calls I receive at Project Sentinel has increased dramatically because of COVID, which has created unprecedented challenges in housing and the economy.

If selected to serve on ABAG, I will bring my valuable firsthand experience in tackling regional housing issues. Together, with the South San Francisco City Council, we created outside-the-box ideas to help our residents. This includes implementing a renter's assistance program weeks before the COVID pandemic began, a program that remains in place today. We also were the first city in San Mateo County to launch a Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program to uplift our most vulnerable residents, and we provided grants to support our small businesses during the pandemic. South San Francisco is building more housing around transportation hubs such as our new and improved Downtown Caltrain station and the El Camino corridor. These housing developments support our goals of encouraging residents to take alternate modes of transportation, reducing car emissions and traffic, and promoting connectivity and walkability in our neighborhoods.

In seeking this appointment, I will be a representative for all cities in San Mateo County to voice your concerns, questions, and priorities to the entire ABAG Board. I have spoken with many of you about



wildfire protections, affordable housing, transportation, the economy, and the environment. Having representation from both the northern and southern portions of our county will bring a balanced regional perspective to ABAG. I believe that my extensive experience on housing issues and my understanding of the County make me a strong candidate to be your advocate on ABAG.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Mark Nagales

Mark Nagales
Vice Mayor
City of South San Francisco

Mayor Jeff Gee
Vice Mayor Lissette Espinoza-Garnica

Council Members
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January 3, 2023

Sukhmani Purewal
Council of Cities
City Selection Committee Secretary
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Subject: Reappointment to the HEART Board

Dear Sukhmani,

My current term on the HEART Board will be expiring in February 2023, and I would very much like to seek reappointment as a Board Member. This is a formal request that my name be submitted for consideration at the appropriate upcoming City Selection Committee meeting when appointment to the HEART Board will take place. I have served in this capacity since January 2014.

This past year, I am very proud of the work that HEART has been able to accomplish:

- Give a \$3.8 million loan to assist the development of 225 units of affordable housing at the Kiku Crossing project in the City of San Mateo.
- Support 5 new first-time homebuyers with \$500,000 in loans for homebuyers at 612 Jefferson, a Habitat for Humanity project in Redwood City.
- Secure a \$1 million grant from the State of California for our Affordable Housing Preservation Program.
- Deliver 400 downloads of our FREE design and construction plans for building green Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).
- Host the return of our Annual Networking & Fundraising Event bringing together over 200 Affordable Housing advocates and supporters.

I would be honored to continue to represent the Cities' interests in finding good housing solutions in a collaborative manner. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (650) 208-4774.

In community spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Howard", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Diane Howard
Redwood City Council Member, District 6



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH
California

January 6, 2023

c/o Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Via e-mail to: spurewal@smcgov.org

Re: Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) SMC Board

To my colleagues on the City Selection Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support for my appointment to fill one of the remaining terms on the HEART SMC board. The issue of housing on the Peninsula has been a priority of mine since 2004, when I saw a presentation on the developing housing crisis to our leadership class.

Consequently, I began volunteering with Shelter Network in 2005, and joined the board in 2007. I chaired the Shelter Network board for 2 years, during which time we merged with InnVision, our Santa Clara County counterpart, and became the larger organization which is now LifeMoves. Since terming off of the LifeMoves board, I have stayed involved with the Family Crossroads site in Daly City.

When interacting with the clients of LifeMoves, I am struck by the stories of those many hard-working folks we are assisting to get back into permanent housing in this area. I know of the challenges that we face in our county to provide the quantity, quality and variety of housing that is needed.

HEART has been on the forefront of creative and practical “hands-up” programs to help provide housing in our County. It would be my honor to work with HEART as a board member, and I respectfully ask for your support to fill the term of either Rick Bonilla or Anne Oliva.

Warmly,

Christine Krolik
Mayor, Town of Hillsborough



City of Millbrae
621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

ANDERS FUNG
Councilmember

January 5, 2023

City Selection Committee of San Mateo County
400 County Center, 1th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Appointment to the SMC Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the SMC HEART Board of Directors position.

Having grown up in a public housing project in Hong Kong, where 45% of the population are living in some form of publicly subsidized affordable housing, it is clear to me that sensible housing policy is the most fundamental necessity to a thriving society. And this is the one of the main reasons why I have chosen to become a home builder in 2012, as my way to help with what I can in regard to our statewide housing crisis. My real estate background allowed me to work with numerous construction lenders, investors, and developers in entitling and building over 75+ units of housing throughout the Bay Area. As part of my work, I have been a champion for affordable by-design housing, and the vision of making housing more affordable and attainable. I am also a proud partner of the San Francisco Housing Authority, in providing government subsidized housing to families in need.

In terms of my public service, I have been a proponent of ensuring housing opportunities are being evaluated through the lenses of equity, particularly affordable housing opportunities. Making housing and home buyer financing more available and affordable are keys to increasing homeownership. Therefore, I want to be able to bring my experience to the SMC Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Board, and look forward to being a part of the solution to increase home ownership in San Mateo County.

I would appreciate your consideration and your support.

Sincerely,

Anders Fung
Councilmember, City of Millbrae



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January 5, 2023

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee / Assistant Clerk of San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Sent via Email c/o: spurewal@smcgov.org

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers of San Mateo County:

I am writing to request your consideration for appointment to the board of directors of Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART). I am interested in fulfilling either the remaining term of Rick Bonilla (expiring 2/29/24) or the remaining term of Annie Olivia (expiring on 2/28/25).

I have been a Pacifica City Councilmember since 2018. As a Councilmember, I have served on The HOPE (Housing Our People Effectively) Interagency Council for three years and have created effective relationships with agencies across the county working together in efforts to prevent and end homelessness. This past year, I participated as moderator for San Mateo County's Working Together to End Homelessness (WTEH) 5/20/22 Virtual Event: From the Street to Interim Housing. As the family member of a person currently living in Coast House, this topic is very important to me. I am passionate about working cross sectors to meet the critical housing needs in San Mateo County.

My service on Pacifica's Age Friendly City Task Force led to the City of Pacifica's designation as an AARP Age-Friendly City and emphasized the City's dedication to addressing the housing needs of our aging population. I helped organize housing workshops with Pacifica Senior Services, Pacifica Resource Center and the Center for Age Friendly Cities. The workshops focus on providing information about how to apply for the senior housing opportunities in Pacifica and how to access the resources. The task force has successfully built collaborative partnerships county wide by sharing resources and coordinating activities to move the Age Friendly Initiative forward in this region.

Additional experience through my work as the City's representative with the Pacifica Resource Center and my role as the director of the Pacifica Prevention Partnership gives me a keen perspective on youth and families and the needs of the underserved community.

I would be honored to bring my insight and experience to serve on board of directors of Housing Endowment and Regional Trust and respectfully request your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Mary Bier
Councilmember, City of Pacifica

Greetings,

I respectfully submit this "Letter of Interest" to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART). This past November 2022, I was re-elected to my third term on the San Bruno City Council. My priorities include building more affordable housing. Over the years we have not built enough housing although we have approved many projects and there are more in the pipeline. I am optimistic and I look forward to the addition of one thousand units at the Tanforan Mall in addition to other housing projects at various points in the entitlement process.

I am confident I can add to the effectiveness of the HEART board by building upon the connections within and outside of San Bruno. I have built strong relationships across various community groups as a member of the San Bruno Lions and San Bruno Rotary, coaching Baseball and Soccer, and as an active volunteer at Second Harvest Food Distributions, numerous school events and at the American Legion. At the volunteering events I have direct access to those residents that need the most help in securing affordable housing.

I also have valuable experience working with numerous city council members throughout San Mateo County. I have been on the board of directors for Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) since 2016, where I have provided steady and balanced leadership and I have taken on increasing responsibilities while serving on the Executive Board and the Audit & Finance Committee. It has been a pleasure collaborating with the council members that are on the HEART board.

I look forward to expanding HEART's progress in providing cost-effective construction plans, building green-sustainable homes, and streamlining the permitting process. I believe in HEART's mission to create and preserve affordable housing. I know from personal experience how beneficial "First-Time Home Buyer Loan Programs" are because that is exactly how I was able to secure my San Bruno home over twenty years ago. I am blessed and grateful and I look forward to the opportunity to help others into their homes in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marty Medina
San Bruno City Council
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January 6, 2023

Re: Appointment to Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Council Colleagues,

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

I am a board member of the Housing Leadership Council, a Community Activist and a deeply involved volunteer who led the citizen efforts to build the Bay Meadows Development. I worked with Chris Meany of Bay Meadows Land Company to raise the level of Below Market Rate (BMR) units at Bay Meadows to 15% when at the time the City of San Mateo only required 10% of the built housing within the development to be BMR. I will always be engaged in finding ways to build and provide affordable housing for all residents. I have been deeply engaged and committed to this goal even before my appointment by the San Mateo City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transportation Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee in the year 2000. I have continued to focus on creating more housing for all who want or need to live in San Mateo County no matter their income level. As a HEART Board Member, I will work hard at expanding my efforts at building housing for all.

I am currently an Advisor to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on their Policy Advisory Council. In this position we pushed MTC to become involved in housing directly. MTC came to our Council with a proposal to award \$2,000,000. for planning grants for housing. I made to motion to raise that amount to \$10,000,000. That motion was seconded by Randi Kinman, and it passed unanimously. MTC set aside \$10,000,000. for planning grants. I am currently on the Housing and Community Development Committee with San Mateo County where we provide financial grants for BMR housing.

My past affinations with Transit Oriented Communities and transit agencies as well as all the other boards and commissions on which I serve give me the background I need to be a productive Board Member of HEART.

I would be deeply honored by your appointing me to the HEART Board of Directors. Please feel free to call me at (650) 619 -2771 or email me at rhedges@cityofsanmateo.org, if you would like to discuss my Candidacy.

Sincerely,

Richard W. (Rich) Hedges
City Council of San Mateo



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December 30, 2022

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Happy New Year!

I write to you seeking support to be appointed to the San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission, LAFCo. I seek to succeed my colleague Mike O'Neill's regular seat for the rest of the term ending in May of 2026. That having been said, I would be honored to serve upon this important board for either vacancy, including the alternate seat.

LAFCo is an independent commission with jurisdiction over the boundaries of the 20 cities, 22 independent special districts, and many of the 33 active county-governed special districts serving San Mateo County. Simply put, LAFCo oversees boundaries and processes the requests should an agency or special district have reason to want to alter those boundaries.

I look forward to the opportunity to weigh cities responsibilities and goals. Living in a jurisdiction abutting both other cities, as well as unincorporated County land, I'm acutely aware of the importance of maintaining jurisdictional order. I am also well aware of the importance of thoroughly vetting and analyzing the ramifications of making changes, whether it be a matter of the land development that could result, or the city services that may be implied and the costs born by the cities accordingly when changes to jurisdictional boundaries do occur.

Having a background as a planning commissioner gives me sensitivity and awareness of the ramifications of land use. The time I've spent on Peninsula Clean Energy's board of directors has given me experience on a regional board, taking into consideration the effect decisions make for everyone residing across our entire county. I also have experience on the North County Fire Authority JPA as a board member, and on the San Mateo County Library JPA, serving as the alternate for Pacifica. These roles inform my sense of interjurisdictional collaboration, and understanding respect and collaboration regionally.

I humbly ask for the opportunity to expand my ability to serve us all and be appointed to LAFCo.

Sincerely,

Tygarjas Bigstyck
Mayor, City of Pacifica



City of Millbrae

621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

GINA PAPAN
Councilmember

January 6, 2023

Honorable Mayors, Deputy/Vice-Mayors, and City Council Members
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Re: Reappointment to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

Dear Esteemed Colleagues:

With this letter of intent, I am seeking the City Selection Committee’s reappointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) seat. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the 20 cities and towns, and the County of San Mateo as one of two MTC representatives serving all of San Mateo County since being first appointed in January 2019.

Since my first day as an MTC Commissioner, I have kept my commitment to be a strong, passionate, and committed advocate for our cities, towns, and county. I have always carefully balanced my responsibility to recognize every city and town in our county is unique and has specific needs and priorities – while also identifying issues and opportunities where I can be one voice for all of San Mateo County and even the entire nine county Bay Area when appropriate.

I am seeking reappointment in order to continue my advocacy on behalf of San Mateo County, building on my evolving knowledge of all aspects of MTC operations and professional staff, and leveraging the potential of the many relationships I have cultivated with other MTC Commissioners across the Bay Area region.

I am humbled by the support I have received in advance of the appointment meeting on January 10, 2023. I pride myself on being a strong, fearless advocate for San Mateo County and so many of you have confirmed my work with positive feedback and appreciation. I am grateful to all the cities that have already committed to supporting me for reappointment to the MTC seat. Moving forward, I would be proud and honored to have your support of my reappointment to be your representative on MTC.

There is still much work to be done. Once again, I am committed to work with you to be the representative who listens to your concerns, builds consensus, keeps you informed, and fights for our fair share, and works in collaboration for the entire region when it makes sense for San Mateo County. I have included detailed information as an addendum to this letter detailing the role and importance of MTC along with a summary of my accomplishments as your MTC Commissioner since 2019.

Honorable Mayors, Deputy/Vice-Mayors, and City Council Members
Re: Reappointment to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
January 6, 2023
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Your Support Will Make the Difference - I respectfully ask for your vote on, Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom, when the Special City Selection Committee votes to fill the seat for the cities' representative on MTC. If you cannot attend or anticipate arriving late to the virtual meeting, please make sure your city has an updated proxy on file. **A proxy can be obtained and filed by emailing spurewal@smcgov.org.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information at (415) 710-5820.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Papan".

Gina Papan
Member, City of Millbrae City Council

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF GINA PAPAN'S REAPPOINTMENT TO MTC

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)

Because the MTC is the regional transportation planning, coordinating, and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area its importance cannot be overlooked. MTC oversees billions of dollars in public funds earmarked for transportation investments across the Bay Area's 101 municipalities, 12 urbanized areas, 7.8 million residents and millions of visitors. There are 27 independent transit systems operating across the Bay Area region that form a transportation network which collectively maintains nearly 43,000 lane miles of local streets and roads, 470 miles of rail transit, five commuter ferries, seven toll bridges, five public ports, three major commercial airports, and 750 miles of bikeways. The MTC provides millions of dollars benefiting our cities and counties every year for repairs to streets and highways, congestion relief projects, transit modernization, and much more.

RECAPPING MY SERVICE ON MTC

From the very start of my tenure as an MTC Commissioner, I could see MTC did not appreciate or understand San Mateo County and our cities and towns. I was determined to educate MTC staff and commissioners from other jurisdictions to reinforce the important role that the cities of San Mateo County play in every aspect of Bay Area mobility, economic importance, trade, transportation, higher education, and workforce development. This included a bus tour of many of our cities, highlighting our intersections of communities, industry, transportation, land use, housing, and environmental issues. The tour was a success and exceptionally enlightening for all. I am committed to doing another bus tour as soon as the new executive director of MTC is determined, and new commissioners from other jurisdictions are assigned so everyone will know the significance of our cities and what needs we have to be funded.

MTC COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

In addition to being an MTC Commissioner, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Programming and Allocations Committee, a committee member on the Bay Area Toll Authority and the Administration committees. I also have special leadership assignments including being a member of the Blue-Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force, and selection committees for MTC Chair and the new Executive Director.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT MTC: During my tenure on MTC, I worked with MTC commissioners and staff on the following:

- **Funding for, but not limited to:**
 - Caltrain electrification
 - U.S. 101/State Route 92 interchange area improvements
 - Preconstruction work for the U.S. 101/Woodside Road interchange and port access
 - \$126 million of federal, state, and regional dollars to SamTrans to replace older buses plus another \$8 million to support paratransit operations in the county
 - \$3.4 million to Caltrain for rehabilitation of the Bayshore station pedestrian overcrossing
 - East Palo Alto construction of improvement to U.S. 101/University Avenue interchange
 - Repair and rehabilitation of the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge

- **\$19.6 million to fully repay SamTrans for money owed as part of the Peninsula Joint Powers Board's acquisition of the Caltrain right of way.**
- **One Bay Area Grant program will deliver tens of millions of dollars to projects across San Mateo County, including \$400,00 to advance C/CAG's local roadway safety plan.**
- **Clipper Start program**, which allows lower-income adults ages 19-64 to receive fare discounts ranging from 20% to 50% on most transit systems around the region. It's an 18-month pilot program initiated by Bay Area transit agencies and MTC that uses the Clipper transit fare payment system to reduce the cost of transportation for adults whose household incomes are no more than twice the federal poverty level (for example, \$52,400 for a family of four). This can be an important benefit, as transportation costs are a significant burden on many households, particularly during the current economic climate.
- **Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA)** announced a sharp reduction in the penalties associated with toll violation notices sent by the FasTrak[®] customer service center to customers with unpaid invoices for toll bridge crossings. The new policy toward violation penalties marks the first policy change adopted as part of its Bay Area tolling equity action plan unveiled in May 2021.
- **MTC — in conjunction with BART and all other transit agencies participating in the Clipper[®] fare payment system** — in August launched a two-year pilot program to study the impact of a single pass that will provide some 50,000 Bay Area residents free access to all bus, rail, and ferry services in the nine-county region. BayPass, the new passes initially were distributed to participating students at various colleges in the Bay Area and then expanded to include residents of select affordable housing communities managed by MidPen Housing.
- **A \$6 million contract with Applied Wayfinding Inc. to develop a single mapping and wayfinding system for use by all Bay Area transit agencies.** The goal of the project is to design and deploy a fully harmonized suite of maps, signs, and transit information in all Bay Area transit locations.
- **A strategic plan for connecting the Bay Area through an express lanes network.** This plan seeks to implement a system of managed lanes in the Bay Area that is not only cost-effective and self-supporting, but also helps achieve the regional goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supporting transit priority, promoting use of transit and other high-occupancy modes, and advancing equity throughout the region in accordance with Planned Bay Area 2050 and MTC's Equity Platform.
- **Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force's Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan** - setting a course for public transit's recovery and long-term improvement. It's definition: Design, adequately invest in and effectively manage a public transit network that is equitable, inclusive, frequent, affordable, accessible, and reliable; is integrated with unified service, fares, schedules, customer information and identity; and serves all Bay Area populations, resulting in increased transit ridership and reduced growth in vehicle miles traveled.
- **Plan Bay Area 2050** – A vision for the Future. The region's long-range strategic plan focused on the interrelated elements of housing, the economy, transportation, and the environment.

Moving forward as your MTC representative, I will continue to work hard for the following specific goals:

1. **Secure our fair share of funding.** I will work to ensure we get our fair share of state and federal funding for ready-to-go projects suited to meet our region's needs. I will work so we can leverage funds for mixed-transportation projects that would enhance community vitality, promote pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit use, encourage transit-oriented development, and help rehabilitate local

streets and roads. It is completely unacceptable that we have too many cities with Fair to Poor Pavement Condition Indexes, specifically East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, San Bruno, San Carlos, Belmont, and Millbrae rated Fair and Pacifica is Poor with the lowest rating in the Bay Area.

2. **Reduce congestion.** I will work to reduce congestion in commute corridors, pursuing new transportation technologies to smooth commutes, and promote convenient and reliable public transportation.
3. **Ensuring San Mateo County, its Cities and Towns get their fair share of Regional Measure 3 funding** (which is currently still tied up in litigation).

MY REPRESENTATIVE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- San Mateo County Council of Cities
- City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) Board of Directors
- Chair, C/CAG Legislative Committee
- San Mateo County Express Lanes Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA)
- California Cities Transportation, Communication and Public Works Committee
- Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ)
- San Mateo County Housing Endowment and Regional Trust
- Grand Boulevard Task Force
- San Mateo County Emergency Services Council
- High Speed Rail Policymakers Working Group
- Airport Land Use Committee
- Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance
- **Deputy Attorney General for the State of California** proudly representing the people of the State of California for over 25 years.
- Non-Profit Director, John's Closet and Scholarship Foundation
- As the **Deputy Director of a state agency** with a \$400 million budget, I managed 150 employees. I helped to implement the Amber Alert program, served on the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force, the Child Abduction Task Force, and served as a legislative advisor to the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of Gina Papan's reappointment to MTC.



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Re: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Regional Planning Committee (RPC)

Dear Honorable Colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek appointment to one of the open seat for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Regional Planning Committee (RPC) in San Mateo County. I recently was appointed to the San Mateo City Council. I have been on the Board of the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council since 2001 and I serve on the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee. I have been an advisor to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in different roles since 2003. I will be resigning from MTC February 1, 2023 to avoid any conflict of interest. While on MTC, I was one of a nine-member sub-committee that advised MTC on the development of Transit Oriented Development guidelines (now called Transit Oriented Communities).

I was trained as a teacher but worked in the retail industry until I became employed by the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union where I worked until retirement. After retirement I worked for Congressman Tom Lantos until his death in 2008. I have served on many Boards, Commissions and Committees within the City of San Mateo, The County of San Mateo, the Bay Area as well as the State of California.

I have been working on land use, public works and governance issues in the City of San Mateo since 2000, when I was appointed by the City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transit Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee. Following that three-year assignment, I was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as an Advisor in 2003, where I have served until now. I serve on the Board of San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council and the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee to fund housing in San Mateo County.

I have been a member of the San Mateo City Council for short time but have been appointed to several Boards and Committees in the City of San Mateo. I have been active in San Mateo County by serving on Boards and Committees as well as one year on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury.

I have been a leader in transportation while serving on MTC Policy Advisory Council, the MTC Transit Oriented Development sub-committee, San Mateo County Transportation Authority CAC and the Measure W Oversight Committee.

As a resident of San Mateo County since 1970, I feel a very strong sense of purpose in working to make the Peninsula and Bay Area the best housed, most efficiently transited and most environmentally sound region that it can be. Before now, we have had an extremely efficient and

productive economy. I intend to work hard to return our economy to its former prominence while also bringing equity to all the people in our jurisdictions. I promise to represent the interests of our San Mateo County residents proudly and assertively to the best of my abilities.

I appreciate the huge volume of hard 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) 619-2771 or email me at rhedges@cityofsanmateo.org if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Thank you,



Richard W. (Rich) Hedges.
City Council San Mateo