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

Mayor Rico E. Medina, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a Regular meeting of the Committee at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022, at Colma Fire House, 50 Reiner Street, Colma, CA 94014.

AGENDA

1) Roll Call

2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the California Identification System (CAL-ID) representing Cities (All Cities eligible) for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025
   i. Daly City Councilmember Glenn Sylvester, is seeking reappointment
   ii. Foster City Vice Mayor Jon Froomin, is seeking appointment

3) 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, 2023, through December 31, 2024
   i. Belmont Mayor Julia Mates, is seeking reappointment

4) 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, 2023, through December 31, 2024
   i. East Palo Alto Councilmember Carlos Romero, is seeking reappointment

5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing Central Cities (Eligible cities: Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, and San Mateo) for a term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026
   i. Half Moon Bay Vice Mayor Deborah Penrose, is seeking appointment
   ii. Hillsborough Councilmember Marie Chuang, is seeking appointment
6) Selection of one (1) Council Member 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) for a term of 4 years beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026

   i. San Bruno Mayor Rico E. Medina, is seeking reappointment

7) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2023
   (Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

   i. San Bruno Mayor Rico E. Medina, is seeking reappointment

8) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2023
   (Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

   i. South San Francisco Councilmember Eddie Flores, is seeking reappointment

9) 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.
11/23/2022

Esteemed Colleagues,

It has been a pleasure to serve as your representative for the California Identification System - Random Access Network. California Identification System (CAL-ID) is the automated system maintained by the Department of Justice for retaining fingerprint files and identifying latent fingerprints.

It assists in the quick search and retrieval of fingerprints mostly for known assailants that have committed crimes. In cases where an officer on the field cannot or has difficulty identifying someone a search, of the system (if having a prior arrest record) has proven this to be a valuable resource. The system is maintained by the State Department of Justice and is available for all law enforcement agencies throughout California.

As retired Police Officer assigned to the Crime Scenes Investigation unit for one of the largest metropolitan cities in California for over 15 years specifically, my duties included the collection of various types of evidence to include blood, breath, urine, and latent fingerprints to name a few. The latter includes a system since it’s 1985 inception under the name of AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System).

It is my desire to continue to serve on this Committee along with other Chiefs of Police, Sheriff of San Mateo County, and a City Manager. We work very well together and as a political appointee, I understand the need, technological advancements, and can think like Law Enforcement, with the Community and Political needs in mind always, which can be a delicate balancing act.

I would appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Sylvester
Councilmember, City of Daly City
San Mateo County
City Selection Committee
RE: Cal-ID Board Consideration

City Selection Committee Members:

I am expressing my interest in serving on the San Mateo County CAL-ID Board as the representative from local government. As a retired law enforcement professional, I am familiar with the California Identification System and its importance in accurately identifying people, solving crimes, and giving closure to crime victims. Maintaining a robust and easily accessible and dependable system in various law enforcement environments (jail, police departments, in-field) is critical to the value of the program.

I have a strong background in budgeting and problem solving, which may be of value to this board. In my inquiry about this position, I learned of budget concerns and interests in potentially rolling out more in-field identification tools. It appears that our local Cal-ID is approaching a crossroads, needing to consider long term solvency solutions. I believe my skills will be helpful in this endeavor.

I have not previously served on a regionally selected board and would appreciate the support of the selection committee. Since joining the City Council in Foster City, I have served on the South Bayside Waste Management Authority Board and the Emergency Services Council JPA. I believe I have been an active and engaged member of these regional collaborations and will do the same while representing all of our communities on the San Mateo County California Identification Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jon Froomin, Vice Mayor
City of Foster City
Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers:

Thank you all for your continued work in service to your communities and beyond. It is a pleasure and honor to serve as the Central Judicial Cities representative and I am writing to seek your support for a second term appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority ("TA") Board of Directors ("the Board") Central Judicial Cities' seat.

I am deeply grateful to serve our communities on the TA. One of the accomplishments I am most proud of during my service is initiating quarterly updates to increase communication and outreach to councilmembers, mayors, vice-mayors, and city staff. My intent for these updates is to highlight key decisions, issues, or opportunities important for city councils and policy makers to be aware of, rather than providing a recap of the agenda items of these meetings. I became acutely aware of the need for these updates after speaking with many of you about the TA and your suggestions for improvement.

The initial updates I prepared for you resulted in such positive feedback from my council colleagues in neighboring cities that the Transit District board and staff thought it would be beneficial to do quarterly updates on the activities and actions of the entire District. Now, District-wide quarterly updates are being prepared and disseminated and I serve as the TA board liaison to staff to identify those important topics of likely interest to councilmembers.

The TA plays a vital role in providing critical transit funding for expressly local investment supporting both capital and operational needs through Measures A and W. While we experienced unforeseen setbacks in the world of transportation due to the pandemic and have not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, I was gratified to perform the work of ensuring the sales tax revenue of Measures A and W were allocated appropriately and that the TA was able to continue to invest in efforts such as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program for almost $18 million this year.

I am asking for your support so that I can continue to work with staff and my colleagues to find solutions to challenges the TA will face and take advantage of the opportunities it encounters. I will continue to ensure that equity is a consideration in awarding funding and, as always, as a board member, my "door" will always be open, and your thoughtful input will always play a role in my decision-making.
I would be honored to have your continued 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 jmates@belmont.gov or my personal cell number, 650-533-3996.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Mates
December 1, 2022

Re: San Mateo County Transportation Authority City Seat - Southern Judicial Cities Re-Appointment

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I write to seek your support for re-appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Southern Judicial Cities seat. As immediate past Mayor of East Palo Alto, former vice-chair of CCAG, board member of Commute.org, and an active participant in Council of Cities meetings, I have engaged many of you in transportation discussions. It is vitally important we listen to one another and collectively arrive at decisions that affect our cities. As a diverse county we must cooperate and reach reasoned transportation solutions that address our urban and rural growth challenges.

While on the SMCTA I have played a meaningful role in developing our newest strategic plan that sets forth a comprehensive blueprint for funding our transit, roadways, and non-motorized forms of transportation cost effectively, efficiently and equitably. I have also brought to bear a deep experience in finance and financial oversight gained from my professional work as a developer and affordable housing consultant.

The SMCTA will play a pivotal role in prioritizing and leveraging our local monies to allow our cities to guarantee the flow of funds for transit, bike/ped, road and highway improvement projects. Among the many projects and priorities that must be balanced are the implementation of complete streets, shuttles, the Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project, much needed grade separations, and TDM, to cite only a few. My nine years on ABAG’s Regional Planning Committee and my studies in urban economics, urban planning, real estate finance, and transportation at Stanford and Harvard have been essential in allowing me to understand the complicated finances and activities of the SMCTA.

I am always mindful of our cities’ numerous needs, and sometimes divergent concerns. I will always engage in reasoned discourse, respectful of all positions, that seeks collaborative and truly effective solutions that maintain and improve our transportation options sustainably.

I humbly ask for your support. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning my re-appointment. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or by email: cromero_ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero
December 2, 2022

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of the City Selection Committee
Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Via email to spurewal@smcgov.org

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to San Mateo County Transit District

Dear Sukhmani Purewal:

I’m writing to express my strong interest in being appointed to the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), representing Central Judicial Cities. I respectfully request your support and appointment. My experience, leadership, skills set, and record of action on the Half Moon Bay City Council and in my roles elsewhere, illustrate my commitment and dedication to serving the community and San Mateo County.

I have served the community of Half Moon Bay on its City Council since 2014, including terms as Vice-Mayor (2017, 2022) and Mayor (2018), and was just re-elected to the Council. My other public service experience includes serving on the C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ); and as a board member of Commute.org and Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside. In addition, I currently serve on Half Moon Bay’s Mobility Subcommittee.

As part of that subcommittee, I’m deeply involved with guiding the City’s efforts around a variety of mobility-related issues. These include our long-term transportation capital projects, local traffic calming and safety projects, Highway 1 Safety and Operational Improvements programs, and multi-jurisdictional efforts such as the Midcoastside Transportation Demand Management Plan (with San Mateo County).

Transportation is a key issue among my constituents, and throughout the County. Transportation is also an environmental issue, and as an active member of the Coastside community, I’ve had a strong focus on sustainability and environmental protection. Additionally, through the City Council I’ve been involved in coordination with a variety of inter-governmental jurisdictions including the Coastal Commission, the Coastside Fire Protection District Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, state-level elected officials, State Parks, and other agencies.

The common thread in my experience is my strong desire to serve the community in areas which I find of great importance to the quality of life of my constituents of today, as well as for the generations of the future. Our
actions as policymakers today must help ensure the well-being of those future generations. I believe this perspective can greatly contribute to the efforts of SamTrans.

Thank you for your consideration of giving me the opportunity serve on SamTrans. Please feel free to contact me at dpenrose@hmbcity.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Penrose

Deborah Penrose
Vice Mayor, City Council of Half Moon Bay

cc:
Half Moon Bay City Council
Matthew Chidester, Half Moon Bay City Manager
November 21, 2022

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: San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) – Central Judicial Cities Seat

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers:

I am writing to seek your support for appointment to the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board of Directors Central Judicial Cities seat.

SamTrans provides a vital service to all of the communities we represent including bus service, shuttles and paratransit and continues to serve as the managing agency for Caltrain.

For eight years, I have served as a representative and chair (2020-22) of the San Mateo County City & County Association of Governments (C/CAG). As you are likely aware, C/CAG, among its many oversight duties, serves at the Transportation Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County, which is charged with the responsibility of distributing state and federal transportation funding and planning with the objective of improving mobility and the environment.

The CMA functions include coordinating and operating shuttles in collaboration with SamTrans, supporting the work of Commute.org to promote transit, active transit and to reduce single-occupancy vehicle use.

C/CAG is also charged with implementing the San Mateo County Smart Corridor project which is designed to improve mobility on local streets by installing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) equipment, such as an interconnected traffic signal system, closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras, dynamic message signs and vehicle detection systems on predefined designated local streets and state routes. Again, much of this work is being done in coordination with SamTrans to improve bus service and coordinate with other transit agencies.

At present, SamTrans is undergoing significant changes with the launch of Reimagine SamTrans – a comprehensive realignment of service to best meet the needs of riders in San Mateo County, the appointment of a new general manager, and the increasing necessity to more formally integrate service regionally.

I am committed to utilizing my expertise and experience in transit planning and coordination that are yielding significant improvements for the entire county and our communities which will be particularly valuable during this period of change. Serving on the SamTrans Board will enable me to help address transportation issues on a
large-scale and at a regional level. 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 mchuang@hillsborough.net or (650) 477-6523.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marie Chuang
Councilmember, Town of Hillsborough
December 1, 2022

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Council Members in San Mateo County,

This letter is to serve as confirmation of my interest to reapply for the Northern Judicial Cities appointment to the SamTrans Board of Directors. I am currently serving out the vacancy created when Karyl Matsumoto who retired from the South San Francisco City Council at the end of 2020.

At that time, I sought the appointment because I believed my experience serving on the Transportation Authority and the 101 Managed Express Lane JPA would allow me to hit the ground running.

I believe I have been an effective and solutions oriented SamTrans Board Member from day one focused on ensuring the cities, towns and county that make up the SamTrans service area are provided excellent services and programs.

Working with my fellow Board Members, SamTrans professional staff, and many of you since my swearing in on February 3, 2021, has been an honor. Collectively we have dealt with challenges, launched new programs, and laid the foundation for many exciting things to come, including:

- SamTrans never shut its doors during COVID-19 and continued getting people to work and important places without interruption. Free rides for appointments were offered.
- SamTrans Recovered by 80% of pre-COVID riders, based on statistics we have the highest pre pandemic ridership of other transit agencies.
- Free Student passes for those who qualify for the free lunch program.
- Piloting with other agencies for regional transit passes for some schools, universities, and affordable housing communities.
- Taking delivery of zero emission buses and planning the transition to total zero emission buses prior to the mandate by the state.
- Participated in negotiating for Caltrain governance changes with Santa Clara and San Francisco counties and maintaining SamTrans as still the managing agency; and negotiated to be repaid $35 million dollars for prior investments made for preserving the Caltrain right-of-way.
- Comprehensive bus network analysis (Reimagine SamTrans) which resulted in the biggest changes to our bus system in 20 years, which increased ridership while focusing on equity priority areas who are most in need of the bus services.
- Successfully negotiated with four bargaining units for a 3-year contact with no work stoppages.
• Selected a new General Manager who is the first woman to lead the San Mateo County Transit District.

I believe that in my 22 months of serving in this role I have added to the team, attended every meeting, and fulfilled my commitment to making a difference including currently serving as the Chair of the Transportation Authority and the 101 Managed Express Lane JPA. I am seeking a full term to continue the work that is before us and provide the essential service to our customers, retain quality staff, and serve the County of San Mateo.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Rico E. Medina
Mayor
December 1, 2022

To The Honorable Mayors and City Council Members in San Mateo County,

This letter is to express my interest in applying for the Chair of the Council of Cities and Selection Committee for 2023.

As you know, I am currently the Chair of the Council of Cities and Selection Committee. I have found this position informative, inspiring, and rewarding and would like to continue as chair for 2023.

I believe that the Council of Cities provides a great opportunity to showcase various communities, exchange ideas, build camaraderie and celebrate the County of San Mateo, which we are all a part of, contribute to and are proud to call home.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please email or give me a call.

Respectfully,

\[Signature\]

Rico E. Medina
Mayor
November 29, 2022

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City Selection Committee
Clo Sukhmani Purewal
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 2023

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest and seek your support to continue my role as Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2023. 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 elected 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 continuing to partner with you all and continue to make this Council and Selection Committee a productive and fun monthly convening and a safe space for sharing and brainstorming as we have done this year. My dedication to serve is enhanced by my experience serving currently in the role and regionally, serving as secretary of the Peninsula Division of the California League of Cities and representing South San Francisco on the Commute.Org Board of Directors; Caltrain Electric Modernization Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG); and the San Mateo Emergency Services Council, amongst others. My experience in serving my community and winning the trust of the voters is evidenced by my recent successful city council run, elected to represent District 5 in South San Francisco for the next four years.

In seeking this appointment, I will continue to engage all member 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,

Eddie Flores
Councilmember, City of South San Francisco