

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**

Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a ***SPECIAL*** virtual meeting of the Committee at **2:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**

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

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91722577760>. The meeting ID is 917 2257 7760. If joining via telephone, please dial +1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 917 2257 7760, then press #.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Discussion and possible action on voting procedures including, but not limited to, the potential of voting by roll call
- 3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing ***Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco)***, fulfilling the remaining term of Karyl Matsumoto through December 31, 2022
 - i. Mayor Juslyn Manalo, City of Daly City, is seeking appointment*
 - ii. Mayor Rico Medina, City of San Bruno, is seeking appointment*
- 4) 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 agendaized for a later meeting date.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802.



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January 6, 2021

Sukhmani Purewal
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Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Sent via regular email spurewal@smcgov.org

RE: Letter of Interest for the Northern Seat on SamTrans

Dear Mr. Purewal:

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

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

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

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

Transportation that accommodates an aging population is of significant importance, as 23% of Daly City's population is over the age of 60, which is the most rapidly growing age demographic in the City. Daly City is one of the first cities in San Mateo County to receive the official "Age-Friendly City" designation from the World

Health Organization (WHO). The 3rd Domain of Livability: Transportation is the next focus of the City's Age-Friendly Task Force.

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

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

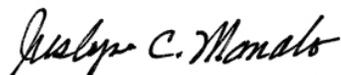
I proudly served on the SamTrans Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) beginning in 2014 through 2017 as both Vice Chair and Chairwoman, along with representatives from all over the Peninsula. The SamTrans CAC was a sounding board of residents who voiced their concerns that I listened to wholeheartedly during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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Juslyn C. Manalo
Mayor
City of Daly City

cc: Town of Atherton City Council
City of Brisbane City Council
Town of Colma City Council
City of Foster City City Council
Town of Hillsborough City Council
City of Millbrae City Council
Town of Portola Valley City Council
City of San Bruno City Council
City of San Mateo City Council
Town of Woodside City Council
City of Belmont City Council
City of Burlingame City Council
City of East Palo Alto City Council
City of Half Moon Bay City Council
City of Menlo Park City Council
City of Pacifica City Council
City of Redwood City City Council
City of San Carlos City Council
City of South San Francisco City Council



CITY OF SAN BRUNO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Rico E. Medina
Mayor

January 8, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

January 8, 2021

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

Respectfully,



Rico E. Medina
Mayor
City of San Bruno



Rico E. Medina
Mayor

January 15, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

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

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

Respectfully,

Rico E. Medina
Mayor