



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 5

DATE: September 20, 2024
TO: Transportation Authority Board
FROM: Maria Lombardo - Chief Deputy Director
SUBJECT: 10/08/2024 Board Meeting: Reappoint Rachael Ortega and Najuawanda Daniels as the District 8 and District 10 Representatives, Respectively, to the Community Advisory Committee

<p>RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p>Per Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code, each Commissioner shall nominate one member to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Neither staff nor CAC members make recommendations regarding CAC appointments.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The term for the District 10 (Najuawanda Daniels) representative on the 11-member CAC expired on September 27 and the term for the District 8 (Rachael Ortega) representative expires on October 25. Commissioner Walton has indicated his intent to renominate Najuawanda Daniels for the District 10 seat and Chair Mandelman has indicated his intent to renominate Rachael Ortega to the District 8 seat. CAC members serve for a 2-year term. There are no term limits. The current roster of CAC members is included in Attachment 1. The applications for the two CAC candidates are included in Attachment 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project Oversight/Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: CAC Reappointments
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BACKGROUND

As described in the Transportation Authority’s Administrative Code, the CAC shall provide input to the Transportation Authority in:



1. Defining the mission of the Transportation Authority;
2. Reflecting community values in the development of the mission and program of the Transportation Authority, and channeling that mission and program back to the community;
3. Defining criteria and priorities for implementing the Expenditure Plan programs consistent with the intention of the half-cent sales tax funding purposes; and
4. Monitoring the Transportation Authority's programs and evaluating the sponsoring agencies' productivity and effectiveness.

DISCUSSION

The Board appoints 11 members to the CAC and each Commissioner nominates one member to the committee. Per Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code, the CAC:

"...shall include representatives from various segments of the community, including public policy organizations, labor, business, senior citizens, people with disabled, environmentalists and the neighborhoods and reflect broad transportation interests. The committee is also intended to reflect the racial and gender diversity of San Francisco residents."

An applicant must be a San Francisco resident to be considered eligible for appointment. Applicants are asked to provide residential location and areas of interest but provide ethnicity and gender information on a voluntary basis. CAC applications are distributed and accepted on a continuous basis. CAC applications were solicited through the Transportation Authority's website, Commissioners' offices, and email blasts to community-based organizations, advocacy groups, business organizations, and at public meetings attended or hosted by the Transportation Authority. Applications can be submitted through the Transportation Authority's website at sfcta.org/cac.

All applicants have been advised that they need to appear in person before the Board in order to be appointed unless they have previously appeared. If a candidate is unable to appear before the Board on the first appearance, they may appear at the following Board meeting in order to be eligible for appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The requested action would not have an impact on the adopted Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget.



CAC POSITION

None. The CAC does not make recommendations on the appointment of CAC members.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 - CAC Roster
- Attachment 2 - CAC Applications
- Attachment 3 - Resolution

ATTACHMENT 1

Community Advisory Committee Members

Name	Gender	Ethnicity*	District	Neighborhood	Affiliation / Interest	First Appointed	Term Expiration
VACANT			11				
VACANT			10				
Rachael Ortega	F	C	8	NP	Business; Environment; Social and racial justice; Neighborhood; Public Policy	October 2022	October 2024
Jerry Levine	M	C	2	Cow Hollow	Business; Neighborhood; Public policy	November 2018	November 2024
Sean Kim	M	A	1	Central Richmond	Business; Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior	May 2023	May 2025
Phoebe Ford	F	C	4	Central Sunset	Business; Environment; Neighborhood	September 2023	September 2025
Austin Milford-Rosales	M	C	6	Mission Bay/SOMA	Environment; Public Policy	October 2023	October 2025
Kat Siegal	F	C	5	Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury	Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice ; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Other	February 2022	February 2026
Margarita Venecia	F	H/L	9	Portola	Business; Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Youth, undocumented communities	February 2024	February 2026
Sara Barz	F	C	7	Sunnyside	Business; Environment; Social and racial justice; Neighborhood; Public Policy	July 2022	July 2026
Sharon Ng	F	A	3	Inner Sunset	Environment;Social and racial justice;Neighborhood;Public Policy;Senior	September 2024	September 2026

*A - Asian | AA - African American | AI - American Indian or Alaska Native | C - Caucasian

* H/L - Hispanic or Latino | NH - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | ME - Middle Eastern | NP - Not Provided (Voluntary Information)



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San Francisco County Transportation Authority Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

Najuawanda FIRST NAME	Daniels LAST NAME	Female GENDER (OPTIONAL)	
Black descended or African American ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)		No IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)	
District 10 HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	[redacted] NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	[redacted] HOME PHONE	[redacted] HOME EMAIL
[redacted] STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	[redacted] CITY	[redacted] STATE	[redacted] ZIP
[redacted] WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	[redacted] NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE	[redacted] WORK PHONE	[redacted] WORK EMAIL
[redacted] STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE	[redacted] CITY	[redacted] STATE	[redacted] ZIP

Statement of qualifications:

I am a SF native, living in District 10 for over 30 years. I have utilized public transportation here in the City for well over 20 years. This allows me familiarity; I am also employed by one of SF's many labor organizations.

Statement of objectives:

My objective is to offer input and contribute to the work of this committee ensuring equitable transportation. As well as learn more about the processes this committee utilizes to serve our City.

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy

Can you commit to attending regular meetings (about once a month for the Transportation Authority CAC, or once every two to three months for project CACs):

Yes

By entering your name and date below, and submitting this form, you certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Najuawanda Daniels NAME OF APPLICANT	9/26/2024 DATE
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ATTACHMENT 2



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San Francisco County Transportation Authority Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

Rachael FIRST NAME	Ortega LAST NAME	Female GENDER (OPTIONAL)	
Caucasian, European, or White ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)		Yes IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)	
District 8 HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	[redacted] NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	[redacted] HOME PHONE	[redacted] HOME EMAIL
[redacted] STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	[redacted] CITY	[redacted] STATE	[redacted] ZIP
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Statement of qualifications:

I have been a San Francisco resident for six years. During this time, I have used every public transportation method (including over one year of commute by Caltrain). I also bike to work and own a car that is street parked. My background is in operations and facility planning. I often manage budgets, review best use cases, and look at monetary investments for a variety of business projects. I am an avid reader, willing to deep dive into subjects.

Statement of objectives:

San Francisco is a wonderful city that must continue to take a critical look at how its public transit infrastructure can be improved. My goals in joining the committee are to advocate the following: equitable transportation options that reflect the changing landscape of the city from 50 years ago; understanding the current infrastructure projects to help ensure all factors of transportation are considered; put further safety measures in place for bicyclists and pedestrians; encourage the use of public transportation for all city residents.

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

Business;Environment;Social and racial justice;Neighborhood;Public Policy

Can you commit to attending regular meetings (about once a month for the Transportation Authority CAC, or once every two to three months for project CACs):

Yes

San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

By entering your name and date below, and submitting this form, you certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Rachael Ortega

NAME OF APPLICANT

9/26/2024

DATE



RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RACHAEL ORTEGA AS THE DISTRICT 8 REPRESENTATIVE AND NAJUAWANDA DANIELS AS THE DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Section 131265(d) of the California Public Utilities Code, as implemented by Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, requires the appointment of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) consisting of 11 members; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a vacancy on the CAC resulting from the term expiration for the District 10 representative (Najuawanda Daniels) and an upcoming vacancy on October 25, 2024 that will result from the term expiration for the District 8 representative (Rachael Ortega); and

WHEREAS, At its October 8, 2024, meeting, Chair Mandelman nominated Rachael Ortega as the District 8 CAC representative, and Commissioner Walton nominated Najuawanda Daniels as the District 10 CAC representative; and

WHEREAS, Both candidates spoke to their interest and qualifications for serving on the CAC at the October 8, 2024, Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Board reviewed and considered the applicant's qualifications and experience and recommended reappointing Rachael Ortega and Najuawanda Daniels to serve on the CAC for a period of two years; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby reappoints Rachael Ortega as the District 8 representative and Najuawanda Daniels as the District 10 representative to serve on the CAC of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority for a two-year term; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is authorized to communicate this information to all interested parties.