Peter Sachs' Statement of Qualifications and Objectives for Vice Chair January 24, 2018

Dear Members of the CAC,

I hope you'll support me as I seek another term as your Vice Chair. As you'll recall, I presided over the last three meetings of 2017. This was a great learning experience for me in how to keep us focused, while also encouraging lively and valuable discussion. Our collective desire for a cohesive and funded subway master plan is something I'm taking to my Supervisor, Katy Tang, and I hope you are, too. My time on the CAC has taught me that we're in a unique position to have our opinions heard, and to have some influence on the decisions that get made not just by the Transportation Commission, but also by SFMTA, DPW and other agencies that interact with the TA.

As some of you know, I've recently changed jobs, and I'm now working at Airbus on safety policy to meet the future needs of high-density UAV operations -- that's your Amazon package deliveries and automated Uber drones, for example. My role is giving me further opportunities to engage with government and industry stakeholders, and the things I'm learning now will be increasingly relevant as we think about how people and goods traverse our city in the years to come. Now is the time to start addressing whether our existing policies are sufficient for a world with new transportation modes, from self-driving cars and trucks to passenger-carrying UAVs.

Among the issues I intend to keep raising at our meetings:

- How do we ensure fair and equitable access to all of our transit modes? The amount of a bridge toll increase or the location of a shared bike station can have a significant impact on a low-income resident.
- What are the best ways to ensure funding for the projects our city needs -- especially expensive, long-term work like the 2nd Transbay Tube and new subway construction?
- How can we manage and mitigate congestion in real and meaningful ways that improve access, livability and even affordability?

Respectfully submitted, Peter Sachs