



January 24, 2022

Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
Peskin, Mandelman & Chan

RE: Item I: 211279 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors
– Stephanie Cajina

Supervisor Peskin, Mandelman & Chan,

As chair of the San Francisco Latino & Black Builders Association were here today to support the Mayor's appointment to the Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. The SFLBBA organization is an outgrowth of San Francisco's Economic Recovery Task Force's stakeholder group, with its main goal in the recovery of our BIPOC Construction & Construction related services here in San Francisco. 95% of our construction businesses are Union Contractors, located in the Mission, Bayview and Visitation Valley that provide union jobs.

Ms. Cajina, is a first generation San Franciscan, a user of SF Public Transportation System, with a degree in Urban & Regional Planning: Transportation & Economic Development.

Her transportation experience includes: an inaugural member of the SFMTA's Small Business Working Group, where she assisted in the shaping of SFMTA policy mitigating the impacts of SFMTA construction projects on commercial corridors, with her outreach and engagement of the merchants; served as a community liaison for the SFMTA Mission/Geneva Safety Project SFMTA Mission/ Geneva Safety Project in coalition with Senior Disability Action, WalkSF, SF Transit Riders Union, and SF Bicycle Coalition, a coalition funded by the Transit Center Foundation; a Community Project Lead for the Excelsior/ Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy - a project in partnership with the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Economic, Workforce Development, and DII Supervisor's Office

The SFLBBA recommends that Ms. Cajina's candidacy to serve on the SFMTA be approved.

With respect,

Anne Cervantes, AIA
Founder San Francisco Latino Black Builders Association

cc. President, Shamann Walton
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Matt Haney
Assessor Joaquin Torres

Bruce Giron, SFLBBA leadership
Miguel Galarza, SFLBBA leadership
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Dear Esteemed Members of the Rules Committee,

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As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families. As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits & challenges of our public transit system. She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities throughout our City. And as a southeast resident she brings a unique voice to the Board, assuring that San Francisco's communities of color are equitably served by SFMTA.

Stephanie was the previous Executive Director of the Excelsior Action Group. It was through her dedication to our local small businesses and her community work that I was introduced to the organization which eventually inspired me to apply and continue the important works that she started.

Stephanie's nomination has the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council. If you care about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans, please support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Maribel Ramirez
Executive Director

Stephanie Cajina's Transportation Justice Experience:

- Studied Urban and Regional Planning at Cornell University with a focus on Civil Engineering, Transportation, and Economic Development
- Was an active Member of Vision Zero Coalition for 5 years where she led:
 - Walk-audits in the Excelsior's high-injury corridors to bring attention to pedestrian safety needs
 - Excelsior Safe Speeds Project, which posted bright signage on the many T-intersections on the Excelsior's Mission Street to call attention to the high number of collisions at each intersection. The project also featured an installation by Youth Arts Exchange that featured stories of diverse collision victims. The project was featured in [SF Weekly](#).
 - Various Culturally Competent Be Seen Be Safe campaigns in the Excelsior with a focus on youth, seniors, and monolingual communities.
- Served as an active coalition member of the D11 Mobility Justice Coalition under the leadership of Oscar Grande (PODER) and in coalition with Patricia Barraza (youth advocate), Laura Padilla (family advocate) and Marcos Montenegro (workforce development advocate)
- Served as an inaugural member of the SFMTA Small Business Working Group for 2 years where she, along with city-wide commercial corridor leaders, helped shape the scope and direction of the Working Group and tackled complex projects.
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Notice of Nomination of Appointment

December 8, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Pursuant to Charter Section 8A.102, of the City and County of San Francisco, I make the following nomination:

Stephanie Cajina, for appointment to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors for a term ending March 1, 2022, replacing Cheryl Brinkman.

I am confident that Ms. Cajina will serve our community well. Attached are her qualifications to serve, which demonstrate how her appointment represents the communities of interest, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City and County of San Francisco.

I encourage your support and am pleased to advise you of this appointment nomination. Should you have any question about this appointment nomination, please contact my Director of Commissions and Community Relations, Tyra Fennell at 415.554.6696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

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EDUCATION

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STEERING COMMITTEE, VVC

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I am writing to enthusiastically support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. She is exactly the sort of member the MTA Board needs -- one who is rooted in community and who understands the varying perspectives of everyone who uses San Francisco's streets.

I worked closely with Stephanie when I was the Policy & Program Director at Walk San Francisco and can attest that she is a pedestrian safety and Vision Zero expert. She has organized walk audits in the Excelsior with diverse stakeholders as part of a fight to win vital crosswalk improvements. During the four years I managed San Francisco's Vision Zero Coalition, Stephanie was an active member in the overall group as well as locally in her neighborhood, where she implemented the impressive Excelsior Safe Speeds Project, which posted bright signage along Mission Street to call attention to the high number of collisions.

As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, Stephanie also has a deep awareness that the SFMTA's outreach process often inadvertently leaves out marginalized communities. To address this locally, Stephanie partnered with Walk SF in a grant to help the SFMTA conduct community-based multilingual outreach for the 14 Mission Project. I am confident that as a board member, Stephanie will continue to work to ensure that the agency centers the needs of immigrants, working class families, communities of color, and older adults.

As a lifelong transit rider and a resident of an outlying neighborhood, Stephanie understands not only the importance of transit, but also the limitations of our current transit system and the resulting automobile usage of many San Franciscans. In her work as Executive Director of the Excelsior Action Group, she also gained a unique perspective of how small businesses rely on transit, parking, and vehicle access.

It is rare to find someone like Stephanie who understands the nuanced needs a transportation system must meet, and how those needs must be grounded in the experiences of the system's many users, especially those who are often left out of the conversation. That is why Stephanie's nomination has the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council. If you care about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans, I urge you to support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Cathy DeLuca
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From: [Joe Litehiser](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 1 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Stephanie Cajina
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:00:14 PM

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Dear Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, and Chan, Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee:

It is my pleasure to write to you in support of Stephanie Cajina's appointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I know Stephanie first through my participation with the Excelsior Action Group (EAG), in 2016 as a member of the EAG Steering Committee, when Stephanie was the principal Staff Member

In 2017 EAG lost its fiscal sponsorship and became an active 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation with Stephanie as the Executive Director. During that time I served on the EAG Board of Directors.

Throughout our association I was able to see first hand the determination and professionalism of Stephanie's approach to many challenges faced by the diverse population and many small businesses of the Excelsior. Among these were challenges impacting public transportation, especially along the outer Mission Street corridor.

More specifically, both before and during this period, Stephanie:

- Was an active Member of Vision Zero Coalition for 5 years where she led:
 - Walk-audits in the Excelsior's high-injury corridors to bring attention to pedestrian safety needs
 - Excelsior Safe Speeds Project, which posted bright signage on the many T-intersections on the Excelsior's Mission Street to call attention to the high number of collisions at each intersection. The project also featured an installation by Youth Arts Exchange that featured stories of diverse collision victims. The project was featured in [SF Weekly](#).
 - Various Culturally Competent Be Seen Be Safe campaigns in the Excelsior with a focus on youth, seniors, and monolingual communities.
- Served as an active coalition member of the D11 Mobility Justice Coalition under the leadership of Oscar Grande (PODER) and in coalition with Patricia Barraza (youth advocate), Laura Padilla (family advocate) and Marcos Montenegro (workforce development advocate)
- Served as an inaugural member of the SFMTA Small Business Working Group for 2 years where she, along with city-wide commercial corridor leaders, helped shape the scope and direction of the Working Group and tackled complex projects.
- Acted as a community liaison for the SFMTA Mission/Geneva Safety Project SFMTA

Mission/ Geneva Safety Project in coalition with Senior Disability Action, WalkSF, SF Transit Riders Union, and SF Bicycle Coalition, a coalition funded by the TransitCenter Foundation.

- Served as Community Project Lead for the Excelsior/ Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy - a project in partnership with the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Economic, Workforce Development, and D11 Supervisor's Office.

Finally, as a resident of Supervisorial District 11 who is a frequent pedestrian, occasional user of SFMTA busses, and an committed support of local businesses, it is simply in my self interest to want Stephanie on the SFMTA Board of Directors. I believe that it is going to be a benefit to all San Franciscans.

Sincerely – Joe Litehiser

D11 Resident and Past President of the EAG Board of Directors.

From: [Linda Stark Litehiser](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 1 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Stephanie Cajina
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:50:26 PM

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I am writing to enthusiastically support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. Stephanie is a staunch transportation equity advocate. I am a 50+-year resident of San Francisco who continues to be a very active community and park advocate. As a current resident of District 11, I have known Stephanie and her family for over a decade. We have worked together on many neighborhood projects. Her knowledge of transportation issues and her ability to relate to the transit needs of citizens of all ages and abilities is profound. We have served together on a number of local boards and steering committees over the past years. These include the Excelsior Action Group and the Excelsior Collaborative. I have witnessed Stephanie in action and she is fierce in her dedication to represent our southern neighborhoods.

I have great respect for Stephanie and her dedication to our community and particularly her strong desire to represent excluded and marginalized communities. She is passionate about her desire to help people, which also makes her very approachable and respectful. The other tool she possesses is a personality that directs her to be fair, deliberate and responsible.

Stephanie really walks the walk--from riding on buses herself to, working on transit surveys, safe street crossing studies and helping our community advocate for our seniors as well as our young families. She is passionate about giving back to the City where she was born.

Stephanie's nomination has the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council. If you care about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans, please support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely, Linda Stark Litehiser
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Co-Chair: Friends of the AMP / Jerry Garcia Amphitheater

Board member, Friends of Geneva Car Barn & Power House

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To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Agenda Item 1 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Stephanie Cajina
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:55:51 AM

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Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. I have known Stephanie for over a decade and have worked with her on several Excelsior-based improvement campaigns. She is a dedicated transportation equity advocate that is deeply rooted in the community and has fought for the public transportation needs of immigrants and communities of color. As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families. And as a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits and challenges of navigating this city. She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities.

A couple years back I was fortunate to work with her in addressing and shaping the City's bike share program in the Excelsior. Together we were able to push for more inclusion and access for our local neighbors, immigrant, and English as a second language community members

As a member of the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council we wholeheartedly support her nomination, and look forward to having someone on the Board who knows, understands, and is accountable to the needs of Southeast residents.

Sincerely,

Oscar Grande
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From: [Ana Vasudeo](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:03:08 AM

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing as the founder of the Latinx Affinity group at SFMTA and former San Francisco Safe Routes to School Senior Transportation Planner to enthusiastically support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. Stephanie is a staunch transportation equity advocate that is deeply rooted in the community that has fought for the interest and representation of excluded and marginalized communities.

As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families. As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits & challenges of our public transit system. She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities throughout our City. And as a southeast resident she brings a unique voice to the Board, assuring that San Francisco's communities of color are equitably served by SFMTA.

I have known Stephanie for her whole life and admire her commitment to serving vulnerable communities and making them feel heard and seen in city planning processes. She has been a staunch advocate for Vision Zero and worked tirelessly in the southeastern neighborhoods to help children stay safe on our streets while they travel to and from schools.

Stephanie's nomination has the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council. If you care about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans, please support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

With gratitude for your leadership,

Ana Vasudeo
Founding member of the SFMTA Latinx Affinity Group, former SFMTA staff

From: [Rodrigo Duran](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 1 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Stephanie Cajina
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:44:44 PM

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. Stephanie is a staunch transportation equity advocate that is deeply rooted in the community that has fought for the interest and representation of excluded and marginalized communities.

As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families. As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits & challenges of our public transit system. She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities throughout our City. And as a southeast resident she brings a unique voice to the Board, assuring that San Francisco's communities of color are equitably served by SFMTA.

I have collaborated in coalitions with Stephanie where we have worked to advocate for the voices and rights of immigrant and disenfranchised communities in San Francisco. I lived in the Excelsior District during her time as the Executive Director of the Excelsior Action Group and witnessed how she led economic development strategies for the Excelsior's commercial corridor, which positively impacted the multicultural, blue-collar residents of the neighborhood.

Stephanie's nomination has the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council. If you care about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans, please support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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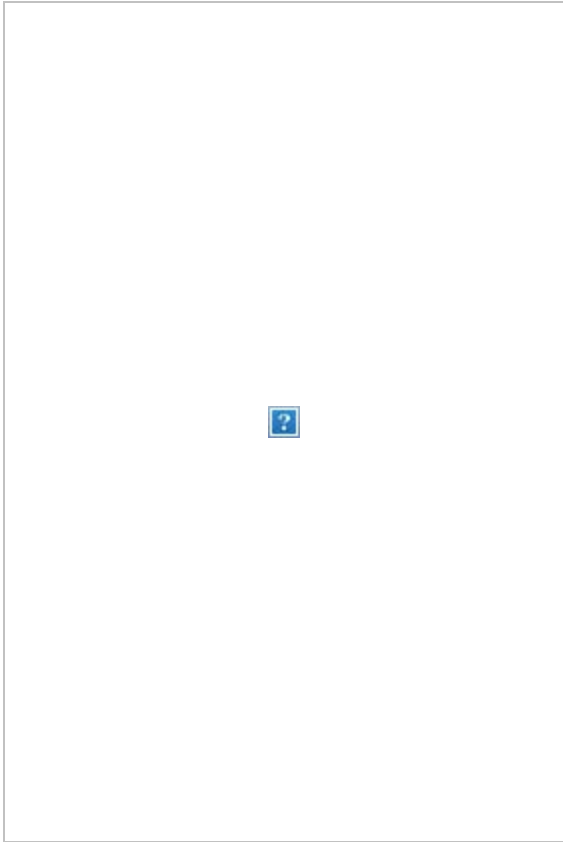
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Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:19:55 PM

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Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

As a Board member, a volunteer, and fellow advocate, I have worked with Stephanie over many years on projects and issues impacting the southeast community.

Having grown up using public transit and today a frequent #14 line rider, Stephanie has real-world experience of the benefits and challenges of our transportation system, and how a well-funded, reliable transportation network strengthens communities and opportunities for its residents.

What Stephanie will also bring to the MTA Board is her strong commitment to equity, particularly for those whose voices are unheard and underrepresented.

Stephanie comes to an issue with an open mind and commits to learning as much about it before making a final decision with research and strong listening skills.

With Stephanie on the MTA Board she will add a unique perspective to the discussion about an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans.

Please support Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Linda D'Avirro
Community & Parks and Open Space Advocate

Stephanie Cajina's Transportation Justice Experience:

- Studied Urban and Regional Planning at Cornell University with a focus on Civil Engineering, Transportation, and Economic Development
- Was an active Member of Vision Zero Coalition for 5 years where she led:
 - Walk-audits in the Excelsior's high-injury corridors to bring attention to pedestrian safety needs
 - Excelsior Safe Speeds Project, which posted bright signage on the many T-intersections on the Excelsior's Mission Street to call attention to the high number of collisions at each intersection. The project also featured an installation by Youth Arts Exchange that featured stories of diverse collision victims. The project was featured in [SF Weekly](#).
 - Various Culturally Competent Be Seen Be Safe campaigns in the Excelsior with a focus on youth, seniors, and monolingual communities.
- Served as an active coalition member of the D11 Mobility Justice Coalition under the leadership of Oscar Grande (PODER) and in coalition with Patricia Barraza (youth advocate), Laura Padilla (family advocate) and Marcos Montenegro (workforce development advocate)
- Served as an inaugural member of the SFMTA Small Business Working Group for 2 years where she, along with city-wide commercial corridor leaders, helped shape the scope and direction of the Working Group and tackled complex projects.
- Acted as a community liaison for the SFMTA Mission/Geneva Safety Project SFMTA Mission/ Geneva Safety Project in coalition with Senior Disability Action, WalkSF, SF Transit Riders Union, and SF Bicycle Coalition, a coalition funded by the TransitCenter Foundation.
- Served as Community Project Lead for the Excelsior/ Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy - a project in partnership with the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Economic, Workforce Development, and D11

From: [david hooper](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Rules Committee Agenda Item 1 Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Stephanie Cajina
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:00 PM

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing on behalf of to express my strong support for the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

Stephanie is a strong transportation equity advocate who is deeply rooted in the community and has led in the effort to increase the representation of excluded and marginalized communities.

As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families.

As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits & challenges of our public transit system.

She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities throughout our City.

And as a southeast resident she brings a unique voice to the Board, assuring that our communities are equitably served by SFMTA.

Stephanie has worked with many community organizations and has led many efforts to improve the economic viability of our commercial corridor, introduced a serious planning effort to improve pedestrian safety along Mission St. and drawn attention to the importance of supporting access to reliable public transportation for families, students and workers. This leadership has provided a model for working with a broad band of organizations to improve the entire community.

I know from personal experience that Stephanie Cajina draws out the best in leadership from the community and provides the motivation for people to work together.

I am especially aware of the importance of having good leadership at the top. I worked for the SF Municipal Railway and the SFMTA for 33 years.

Stephanie's nomination has drawn the support of many political leaders and community organizations, including but not limited to the Transport Workers Union 250A, the SF Latinx Democratic Club, and the Excelsior Strong Leadership Council.

The goal of an equitable and just transportation system for all San Franciscans would be well served by confirming Stephanie's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

She has the credentials and the credibility to serve all of us

Thank you,
David Hooper



January 23, 2022

Dear Esteemed Members of the Rules Committee,

We are writing on behalf of Visitacion Valley Connections to enthusiastically support the nomination of Stephanie Cajina to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. Stephanie is a staunch transportation equity advocate that is deeply rooted in the community that has fought for the interest and representation of excluded and marginalized communities.

As a first-generation native San Franciscan that grew up on public transit, Stephanie understands the value of public transit systems that meet the needs of working families. As a daughter of working class immigrants who grew up riding the 14 Mission, she personally understands the benefits & challenges of our public transit system. She knows first hand how reliable, accessible and well-funded public transportation connects our communities to opportunities throughout our City. And as a southeast resident she brings a unique voice to the Board, assuring that San Francisco's communities of color are equitably served by SFMTA.

We have worked with Stephanie on projects and events in Visitacion Valley/Leland Ave. Business Corridor.

Sincerely,

Russell Morine, Molly Hassler and Rebecca Miller
STEERING COMMITTEE, VVC