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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Chair
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Chair Ronen,

On behalf of our over 10,000 members, I write to voice the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's support for Mayor Breed's nomination of Steve Heminger to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

This is a crucial time period for the SFMTA as it searches for a new Director of Transportation and seeks to improve Muni service and reliability while improving safety on our streets in order to achieve Vision Zero. The SFMTA Board of Directors will need a broad range of skills in order to lead the agency forward, and Steve Heminger complements the skillset that already exists on the Board.

In order to meet the challenge set forth by Mayor Breed of constructing 20 miles of protected bike lanes over the next two years, the SFMTA cannot afford to continue to be distracted by management mistakes and failures in transit service. Building out that protected bike lane network will also mean securing the necessary funding and staffing. Steve Heminger brings both the significant management and capital planning experience to help the SFMTA meet those challenges.

As fatal and serious injury collisions continue occurring on San Francisco's streets at a disturbing pace, we need experience and savvy leading the SFMTA in order to bring about urgently-needed change. Our hope is that Steve Heminger will bring both qualities to his service on the SFMTA Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Wiedenmeier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian Wiedenmeier
Executive Director