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Dear Rules Committee: Supervisors Ronen, Safai, and Walton, and Victor Young,

Apologies that I am unable to join the committee meeting at City Hall on Monday at 10AM to speak in person due to a work conflict. For [BOS File# 240187](#), I would like to respectfully submit this written recommendation to reappoint Janet Tarlov to the MTA Board.

As context, since retiring from ~20-years of strategy consulting (the last 12 of which were at Bain & Company in London and San Francisco), I have served on many Boards. I'm currently a member of the Brady Nonprofit National Board, BradyPAC National Board, past co-chair of the Brady NorCal Regional Leadership Council, and current co-lead of the Brady San Francisco Chapter in support of Brady's mission to free America from gun violence.

As co-founder of the Lakeside Village Business Council and nonprofit, [Friends of Lakeside Village](#), I have also served on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations (SFCDMA). During 2023 while I was Chair of the Governance Task Force, I worked very closely with Janet Tarlov in her SFCDMA roles as Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

It is with great confidence that I wholeheartedly recommend Janet to continue as part of the MTA Board of Directors. I strongly believe that she has the skills to help MTA today and in the future. She brings the perspective of a successful small business owner and sensible San Francisco resident to MTA's strategy. Janet can be counted on to solve problems, not create them, and work alongside a diverse mix of people with tact, integrity, and diligence. It's no surprise to me that Canyon Market thrived with 16+ years of Janet at the helm. She adds value to everything she does.

I can't think of a better candidate for the MTA Board. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best,  
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