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File #240589

Dear Board of Supervisor President Aaron Peskin, Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, and Supervisor Shamann Walton,

I'm writing to provide a written comment in advance of your September 16 Rules Committee meeting in support of Mike Chen's appointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Mike is a regular transit rider and cyclist who understands what we need to do to make our city safer, greener, and more efficient. He's also level-headed and measured, and understands the need to be strategic and realist, and work with communities to create lasting change.

I have greatly appreciated Mike Chen's service on the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, particularly while he was Chair, as I've been able to witness his clear, persuasive, and fair-minded reports to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Mike was also a strong advocate in support of the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, and was an ally to the work that Cyrus Hall and I did on the Faster Safer Geary campaign to support this project's transit lane and pedestrian safety improvements.

Thirdly, I attended Mike's Meet the Nominee event on July 2 hosted by SF Transit Riders, SF Bike Coalition, and Walk SF. There, I saw how well he was able to speak with incredible depth and nuance on a broad range of issues, both technical and political; connect with advocates and stakeholders; and realistically convey what levers the Board of Directors, community members, city staffers, elected officials, and other players have to accelerate our work in improving transportation in San Francisco. Mike would be an extraordinarily well-prepared and effective board member.

Finally, as an Asian American, I would be delighted for Mike Chen to represent the needs of our diverse community on this board.

Many thanks,
Lian Chang
Proponent and organizer, Yes on L

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Vote Yes on L: Fund the Bus! The San Francisco November 2024 ballot measure to increase operational funding for Muni, previously called the ComMUNItY Transit Act, is now Proposition L. Learn more at FundtheBus.com.



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September 11, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors Peskin, Walton and Safai,

On behalf of our 6,000 plus members, I write to again voice the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's strong support for Mayor Breed's nomination of Mike Chen to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Chen will bring a broad range of skills to the position, but his experience as an advocate for active transportation and transit makes him especially well-suited to represent the hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans who bike, walk, and take transit every day. He has supported many campaigns to improve biking across our city, and has proven himself to be an effective advocate for improving safety and encouraging people to shift to more sustainable modes.

After serving on the SFMTA's Citizens Advisory Council for nearly four years, Chen possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of the agency's financial situation that will be particularly useful during this time of dire fiscal challenges for the City and the SFMTA. He understands the agency's processes and priorities, and has the background to weigh the tradeoffs required in substantive decisions.

On July 2nd, 2024, we hosted a Meet-the-Nominee event with Chen, in collaboration with San Francisco Transit Riders and Walk San Francisco. We were deeply impressed by Mike's understanding of transportation code and planning. He is able to articulate the agency's challenges in an accessible way, while also bringing collaborative problem-solving skills. We are confident that Chen will bring an equitable, solution-oriented attitude to all of these challenges, while continuing to uphold the City's Vision Zero, Transit First, and climate policies. And, as the city prepares to pass a visionary Biking and Rolling Plan in early 2025, we are confident that Chen will bring valuable expertise and insight to the process.

Our City faces a potentially debilitating financial crisis in our transportation system, and we need someone who understands the context and can immediately hit the ground running to work on addressing them. We ask you to recommend Chen for the SFMTA Board of Directors to the rest of your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris White".

Christopher White
Executive Director



Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

The Outer Sunset Neighbors, a neighborhood association representing people of the Sunset District, write in support of Mayor Breed's nomination of Mike Chen to the SFMTA Board of Directors (File Number 240589).

Chen's work advocating for transportation options, including active transportation, makes him the right choice for our City's future. Hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans - and especially those with limited means - walk, bike, and take transit every day. Those San Franciscans deserve a voice at the SFMTA Board of Directors to ensure that their safety and convenience are prioritized regardless of the transportation choice they make for each trip. We believe Mike will be their voice.

We ask you to recommend Chen for the SFMTA Board of Directors to the rest of your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Outer Sunset Neighbors

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, Rules Committee,

I am writing in support of Mike Chen's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors, File #240589. Mike Chen will be a leader in making our streets safer for all users, especially for vulnerable populations like seniors, children, and people with disabilities. While on the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council, Mike Chen has been a steady and strong advocate for pedestrian safety and achieving our goal of zero traffic deaths in San Francisco. Mike Chen's experience and knowledge of the agency will help San Francisco become the most pedestrian-friendly city in the nation.

I urge that you vote in favor of Mike Chen's nomination.

Thank you,
Andrew Seigner
Vice President, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association
Member, Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee
Permit Holder, Hayes Street Shared Space