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Rules Committee

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl, City Hall, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Recommendation for Lydia So as Board of Directors of the SFMTA

Dear Supervisor Dorsey, Supervisor Walton and Supervisor Safai,

The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club (SFLDC) is writing to express our support for Lydia So to serve as a Board of Directors of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA). Our organization's membership of the club unanimously voted to support Lydia because of her extensive experience in public service and her unwavering dedication to the AAPI community.

Commissioner So has a proven track record of advocating for cultural equity and sustainable urban growth in San Francisco. Lydia's practice as an architect, her work in regional urban growth, transit-oriented developments, and sustainability, as well as her global experience in designing world-renowned structures, showcase her unique skill set and deep understanding of the critical role that transit plays in maintaining the vitality of unique environments. Her perspective on places, land use, and the built environment will be invaluable in shaping the SFMTA's policies and initiatives.

As a longtime resident of San Francisco's Mission neighborhood and a Chinese American, Lydia is deeply connected to our community's needs and understands the diverse needs of our residents. Having AAPI representation on the SFMTA Board is long overdue, and Lydia's exceptional qualifications, combined with her city governance experience, make her the ideal candidate to build bridges and ensure that the voices of all communities are heard.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly endorse Lydia So's appointment to the Board of Directors of the SFMTA. Her extensive experience, proven track record, and dedication to public service as both an Arts Commissioner and Historic Preservation commissioner make her an exceptional candidate who will bring valuable insights and positive change to San Francisco's transportation policies and services. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of her appointment and provide her with the opportunity to serve our city.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club