

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Letter of Support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board (SFMTA) Nominee, Manny Yekutiel

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is David White, I am an owner of a number of businesses in San Francisco's mission district (flour + water, central kitchen, trick dog bar & flour + water pizzeria). I am also a 15 year resident of the mission. I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

I value greatly Manny's deep understanding of, and connection with our wider small business community. He has been an incredible advocate for our Valencia St. neighborhood and was instrumental in creating a lifeline for our businesses through the shared streets program this fall. Beyond that he is a great organizer in general, of both people and logistics. His involvement in local politics and his understanding of how to cultivate and navigate these relationships would also, I believe, prove invaluable in a position with the SFMTA board. Furthermore, he clearly understands the importance of cultivating a strong commercial corridor and the critical part that transit plays in achieving that goal. Simply, he gets it on many levels, and would no doubt be an efficient liaison and rain-maker for all stakeholders in our community.

I strongly support Manny for a position on the SFMTA board. I sense that there will be a great opportunity for change and evolution as we exit this pandemic, it has challenged us to rethink many norms. Manny is perfectly positioned to be part of a team that can efficiently and creatively help us manage back to a scenario that will certainly be better than before.

Sincerely, David White

flour + water pizzeria



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Honorable Supervisors,

The Neighborhood Business Alliance is a membership-based 501c6 trade association founded by retailers in the Arab, Asian and Black communities in the Bay Area. We also serve as a technical support and advocacy organization for disproportionately impacted business communities and bring them to the table around local economic policies and beyond. We are writing in strong support of Manny Yekutieli for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

An institutionalized small business stakeholder in matters involving MTA has been a long-standing need, and we believe this appointment will go far in bridging this gap in small business representation. Our members have experienced bus-stops replacing their loading zones, bulb-outs reducing street parking, and changes to throughways on commercial corridors that disrupt ease of business and customer access. We understand planning processes start well in the future for projects involving our commercial corridors, and we hope that this appointment can effectively involve merchant communities at earlier stages of this process to increase buy-in and execution.

Manny's experience navigating the City's processes to open up Valencia street for small businesses to spread out and his work on the 16th street improvement project construction mitigation taskforce is one example of his ability to be a liaison between the small businesses and transit worlds.

We believe the SFMTA Board will benefit from someone like Manny who can be the lynchpin between small business needs as it pertains to transit while also having deep connection and understanding on the needs of the community.

Manny understands small business needs and concerns firsthand while maintaining a vision for the cleaner, safer and mass transit oriented City San Francisco hopes to become! We urge you to support Manny's nomination to the SFMTA Board.

Thank you for your consideration!

Neighborhood Business Alliance Executive Board

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Cyn Wang and I am a small business owner and Entertainment Commissioner writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny is a friend, client, and community leader who has in a few short years, has provided a civic, social, and political engagement space that I did not even realize our city so desperately needed. As a small business owner, Manny has organized over 500 civic events, hosted upwards of 100 local nonprofits and advocacy groups, and through Farming Hope, Manny's has also hired 16 formerly homeless or incarcerated individuals, who have graduated from their training kitchen and now have full time jobs. He has also served with distinction as a Small Business Commissioner during a time where

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I believe the SFMTA Board will benefit from someone like Manny who can be a voice for small business. The public health crisis has devastated the small business community, which employs half the city, and Manny will play an important role as a champion for its long-term recovery as it pertains to transit needs.

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My name is Tyler MacNiven, owner of West of Pecos restaurant in the Mission, and am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny represents what is best in San Francisco. From the first moment I met him it was clear to me that he was a super human. He has that special sparkle in his eye that makes you hold on to his every word and never look away. There is a mystical energy that he has tapped into, one that defies normal logic. He has an undeniable gravitational force. Seemingly without effort, people from around the world are drawn towards him and the sacred zone on 16th and Valencia that he has so thoughtfully curated. The incredible team of people he keeps close are testaments to how truly driven, caring and thoughtful he is.

In this digital age where everyone is trying to yell over each other, Manny has become a calming place where the practice of listening is celebrated. Manny will always listen with compassion and an open heart. He will do what is best for the most people and for our city.

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Tyler MacNiven

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West of Pecos

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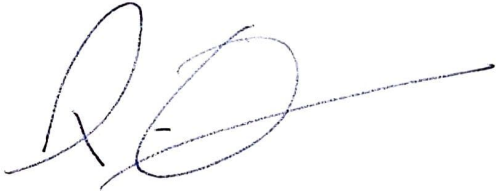
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In Community,

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Patricia Dedekian and I am co-founder and Project Manager for the Chapel and Curio, a music venue and restaurant located on Valencia Street in San Francisco. I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny has been a business neighbor on Valencia Street for several years, and gained recognition for his community organizing and outreach. I got to know Manny personally through his work to open up Valencia street for small businesses to utilize during the pandemic. I watched as he tirelessly navigated a difficult process, and ultimately brought together divergent groups to create a highly successful program. Once the program was underway, Manny was there on the ground every night to help solve problems and streamline the process.

Running a music venue and restaurant has made me keenly aware of the need for a strong and coordinated public transportation system. We have customers who take public transportation to music shows, and staff who rely on public transportation to get to and from work. I've often wished there was someone on the SFMTA Board who understood the needs of small businesses, who recognized the potential for the public transportation system to be a business partner, and who knew how to bring people together to achieve results.

I believe Manny is that person, and that the SFMTA Board as well as the City of San Francisco will benefit from his participation. I urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dedekian

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Laurie Thomas

Executive Director

Golden Gate Restaurant Association

Owner, Terzo & Rose's Café

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LLOYD B. SILVERSTEIN

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lloyd Silverstein, and I am the head of the Hayes Valley Merchants Association, and the owner of a four generation San Francisco retail business. I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

In the time that I've known Manny, I've known him to be someone who gets things done. His most recent Shared Streets initiative on Valencia is a perfect example. His has been the model for every other program in the City, and he has been an invaluable resource for helping us navigate the process, and giving us valuable advice.

His election night street event was well planned and safe.

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The SFMTA will certainly benefit from Manny's presence on the Board. He is the perfect spokesperson for the needs of small businesses as they pertain to transit, and the community at large.

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Sincerely,

Lloyd Silverstein

Hayes Valley Merchants Association

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jorge Martinez Lillard from LoLo restaurant and am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

I believe Manny will be great in this position because he knows to navigate the City's process and he understands very well what it takes to run a small business in San Francisco.

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My name is Sarah Dvorak and I am the owner of Mission Cheese on Valencia St. I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

During these unprecedented times, Manny has rallied our small business community along Valencia Street to come back to life. Without his energy and leadership, much of the corridor could have remained boarded up through the summer. His leadership and dedication to the culture and vibrancy of this city would be a tremendous asset to the SFMTA.

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Mission Cheese LLC

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A San Francisco Native

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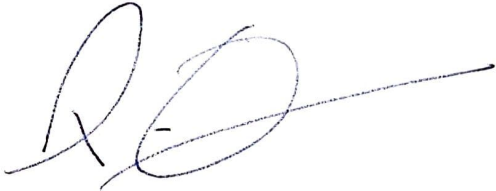
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October 19, 2020

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

We would like to offer our strong recommendation that you approve Manny Yekutieli to the Board of the SFMTA. Manny has been a Board member of the Valencia Corridor Merchants Association for the past year and a hugely influential member of the Valencia corridor community. He has contributed significantly to the betterment of our commercial corridor and perhaps more importantly, to the City as a whole.

We've had the pleasure of working with him on the Shared Spaces program and I can safely say it has been his enthusiasm, focus, and willingness to make things happen that got this project done. He has managed to keep differing parties and interests together as part of the conversation. He has rightly received press coverage and note for his work.

Having a member of the small business community on the MTA board is a great step toward balancing the many needs of San Francisco residents and businesses. We congratulate Manny on his nomination and hope you will approve him. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonah Buffa".

Jonah Buffa

President, Valencia Corridor Merchants Association
Delegate, SF Council of District Merchants
Owner, Fellow Barber

October 29, 2020

The Honorable Norman Yee, President
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
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RE: Support of Manny Yekutieli nomination for SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations (SFCDMA), representing local merchant associations and neighborhood businesses in every San Francisco commercial district, supports the appointment of Manny Yekutieli to the SFMTA Board of Directors. MTA's success is intrinsically connected to small business success. This is why we value having at the very least one small business owner on the MTA.

Manny has been a strong and effective advocate for local businesses as a member of the San Francisco Small Business Commission. As the founder and owner of Manny's in the Mission, he understands first-hand the challenges brick and mortar neighborhood merchants and restaurants face in the best of times, and now as we all struggle to survive during the pandemic.

Being a small business owner gives him a unique and powerful perspective on policies that determine how our streets, parking, deliveries, vehicles, bicycles and public transportation can best co-exist with and benefit local merchants, our workers and our customers. MTA and small business corridors should be partners in order for both to recover and succeed.

As a regular public transportation user, board member of the Valencia Corridor Merchants Association and small business owner, Manny will bring his energy and experience to the SFMTA in ways that will benefit small neighborhood merchants as well as give insight to the MTA Board. He will help us thrive as we regain our footing during San Francisco's public health and economic recovery periods.

A majority of SFMTA projects and decisions are closely tied to small business corridors and they have great impact on each other. The SFCDMA is delighted that Mayor Breed has nominated Manny Yekutieli, a brick and mortar small business owner, for the SFMTA Board of Directors and we strongly urge you to support his appointment.

"Socially Distant but Closely Connected"

Maryo Mogannam, President

San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

Advocating for 43,570 tiny* businesses with 217,850 employees
many of them living and **voting** in S.F. *(10 or fewer employees)



December 9, 2020

To Whom It May Concern -

We, the undersigned member venues of the San Francisco Venue Coalition, enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Manny Yuketiel to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

As a small business owner and operator of a community gathering space he will bring the long overdue perspective of the small business community to the Board. He's acutely aware of the challenges that small business owners and venue operators face in San Francisco not only during this unprecedented pandemic shutdown, but also during times of prosperity and economic growth. These perspectives are critical to the success and vibrancy of San Francisco and its relationship with our transportation agency.

Thank you,

PianoFight	Bimbo's 365 Club	Thee Parkside	The Independent	Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
Rickshaw Stop	Amado's	August Hall	Bar Fluxus	Boom Boom Room
Cafe Du Nord	The Battery	El Rio SF	Gray Area	Great American Music Hall
The Lost Church	Madrone Art Bar	Mr. Tipples Recording Studio	The Pearl	SF Jazz
Swedish American Music Hall	Z Space	111 Minna	1015 Folsom	The Riptide
Another Planet Entertainment				

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**Re: Letter of Support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board (SFMTA)
Nominee, Manny Yekutiel**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is William Ortiz-Cartagena, Commissioner for the San Francisco Office of Small Business and I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny's work and advocating for small business and those facing inequity speaks for itself. Manny will add a very crucial perspective to the board which will include one from a small business and one of equity!

Manny has demonstrated a strong connection to the community, specifically the small business community. As the owner of Manny's, a staple in the Mission District, combining a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, political bookstore and civic events space.

Manny has organized over 500 civic events, hosted upwards of 100 local nonprofits and advocacy groups. Through Farming Hope, Manny's has also hired 16 formerly homeless or incarcerated individuals, who have graduated from their training kitchen and now have full time jobs.

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His experience navigating the City's processes to open up Valencia street for small businesses to spread out and his work on the 16th street improvement project construction mitigation taskforce have shown his ability to liaise between the small businesses and transit worlds.

I believe the SFMTA Board will benefit from someone like Manny who can be the lynchpin between small business needs as it pertains to transit while also having deep connection and understanding on the needs of the community.

We need to strengthen the foot traffic and accessibility along the City's commercial corridors and efficient transit is key. It is for these aforementioned reasons, I urge you to support Manny's nomination to the SFMTA Board.

En La Lucha,

William Ortiz-Cartagena

A San Francisco Native

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Chris Hillyard and I am the Co-Owner of Farley's coffee shop on Potrero Hill, and am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

I had the pleasure of meeting Manny when he was opening Manny's. Manny immediately struck me as someone that was connected to the community. Within a very short time since that meeting, Manny has created a staple in the Mission District, combining a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, political bookstore and civic events space. Clearly Manny knows how to get things done!

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Sincerely,

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