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To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item 2 - Support for Reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to SFMTA Board of Directors
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Item 2 - Support for Reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to express my strongest support for the reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors.

During her tenure, Ms. Cajina has demonstrated her deep commitment to advancing a transportation system that is equitable, reliable, and responsive to the needs of San Francisco's diverse communities. She brings thoughtful, community-centered perspectives to complex policy decisions, consistently elevating the voices of those most impacted by transportation investments.

As the first Latina appointed to the SFMTA Board of Directors, Ms. Cajina's professional background in organizational leadership, financial stewardship, and community engagement has strengthened the Board's ability to navigate challenging fiscal and operational landscapes. She approaches her role with both rigor and empathy -balancing long-term system sustainability with the urgency of delivering safe, accessible, and affordable mobility options today.

I have had the pleasure to have known and worked with Ms. Cajina for many years within our community. She served as our Executive Director of the Excelsior Action Group, a vital organization within our neighborhood. In my work as president of the Excelsior District Improvement Association, I know firsthand the importance of transportation decisions and the impact they have on our community members. I know they value leaders who prioritize equity and meaningful community engagement. I trust Ms. Cajina's abilities to provide policy oversight, set strategic goals and budgets for the SFMTA. Ms. Cajina's leadership has always

reflected that kind of thoughtful, community centered decision making.

At this time when the SFMTA faces critical decisions that will shape the future of mobility in our city, continuity and values driven leadership is essential. Ms. Cajina's reappointment would ensure that the Board continues to benefit from her strategic insight, collaborative approach, and her dedication to public service.

It is for these reasons, that I respectfully urge the Rules Committee to recommend the reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mel Flores



Mel Flores

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From: [Cathy Mulkey Meyer](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#)
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Re: March 23 Agenda, Item 2 - Support for Reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee,

I am sending this email enthusiastically supporting Stephanie Cajina's reappointment to serve on the Board of Directors for SFMTA. Representation matters, Stephanie is the first Latina appointed to the SFMTA BOD and has deep community roots as a life-long Excelsior resident and Mission district advocate.

I met Stephanie in 2014 when she was hired as the Executive Director of Excelsior Action Group, supporting small business owners on the Mission Street corridor, also served by the longest bus lines in the city: 14, 4R, 49, 54, 29, 8, and 43. Over the years we have partnered with SFMTA on a Mission Street pedestrian safety audit, Vision Zero (Mission is a High Injury Corridor), Excelsior Collaborative, Sunday Streets, Excelsior Outer Mission Planning Strategy, and multi-language/cross cultural engagement as COVID response and now on San Francisco's sanctuary city policy to riders, business owners, pedestrians, and students using the Excelsior/Mission transit corridor.

Stephanie's experience in urban planning, dedication to fiscal transparency, and leadership roles serving community based non-profits brings a unique perspective to the Board of Directors as SFMTA continues to make difficult financial and operations decisions impacting staffing, street use, routes and stops, and ridership experience while improving safety for drivers and riders, language access, and reliability.

Ms. Cajina's service on the Board of Directors reflects her lived and professional experience, centering decisions on what works for people, while balancing the

financial realities our City faces. Resulting in a safer, more equitable, more reliable city department and transit system that is responsive to the needs of the people living in communities most impacted by investments in public transit.

Please move Director Cajina's reappointment through to the Board of Supervisors.

Kind regards,

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In addition to being the first Latina appointed to the SFMTA Board of Directors, Ms. Cajina's professional background in organizational leadership, financial stewardship, and community engagement has strengthened the Board's ability to navigate challenging fiscal and operational landscapes. She approaches her role with both rigor and empathy—balancing long-term system sustainability with the urgency of delivering safe, accessible, and affordable mobility options today.

As a lifelong resident of San Francisco, currently District 7, and a retired (32 years) SFMTA Senior Operations Manager in Transit Operations I know the importance of transit here in San Francisco. My family did not own a car and we relied on "MUNI" to get us to work, school, shopping, and medical appointments. As a SFMTA Manager in Transit Operations I had the responsibility of providing oversight of the Operators, Supervisors, and daily transit service. The SFMTA is now more than just transit but consists of traffic flow planning, bike lanes, pedestrian safety, parking control and more all of which affects residents, businesses, and visitors. During my tenure there was budget deficits that impacted hiring, equipment availability and service which caused me to struggle to balance the needs of our employees, service and needs of communities with the decisions made by our department and/or City leadership. This gave me insight to the importance of having leadership receptive, responsive, and collaborative to be effective to meet the needs of all involved to have adequate outcomes.

My personal and professional experience has been the motivation for me to stay engaged and to be an advocate for our communities that are impacted by the decisions of our city government. Ms. Cajina's leadership, response and engagement has demonstrated to me that she too shares the same values that I do. When requested, she has met with and listened to concerns brought forth by communities and with her knowledge, support, and guidance this interaction has created a trust and respect to be able to formulate alternatives and/or find a path forward to finding solutions.

At a time when SFMTA faces critical decisions that will shape the future of mobility in our city, continuity of experienced, values-driven leadership is essential. Ms. Cajina's reappointment would ensure that the Board continues to benefit from her strategic insight, collaborative approach, and dedication to public service.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Rules Committee to recommend the reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary E. Travis-Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary E. Travis-Allen

Co-Chair American Indian Cultural District (AICD) – Leadership Council

SFMTA Equity Working Group Member

SF Planning Equity Community Advisory Council

3/23/2026

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Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for the reappointment of Stephanie Cajina to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors.

As a resident of Bernal Heights, I have seen firsthand how transportation decisions directly affect access to jobs, schools, and essential services for workers throughout the eastern side of the city. Many service workers live along the Mission Corridor and travel to SOMA, the Mission District, Excelsior, and other neighborhoods to support hotel and restaurant industries downtown.

In my leadership work within the San Francisco Latino Community, I deeply value leaders who prioritize equity and meaningful community engagement. Ms. Cajina listens and demonstrates exceptional problem-solving skills, drawing on her education and experience as a transportation planner.

Throughout her service, Ms. Cajina has shown an unwavering dedication to building a transportation system that is fair, dependable, and attentive to the needs of San Francisco's many diverse communities. She consistently brings a thoughtful, community-focused outlook to complex policy issues and makes sure the voices of those most affected by transportation decisions are heard.

As the first Latina to serve on the SFMTA Board, Ms. Cajina's expertise in organizational leadership, financial management, and community engagement has enhanced the Board's ability to manage tough financial and operational challenges. She fulfills her responsibilities with both diligence and compassion, balancing the long-term sustainability of our transportation system with the immediate need to provide safe, accessible, and affordable mobility choices. Ms. Cajina's leadership reflects the kind of thoughtful, community-centered decision-making our city needs.

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For all these reasons, I respectfully ask the Rules Committee to recommend Stephanie Cajina's reappointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, 

Anne Cervantes, AIA- Resident of Bernal Heights

From: [Jodie Medeiros](#)
To: [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Walk SF's full support of SFMTA Directors Cajina and Henderson
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Good morning Board President Mandelman, and Supervisors Sherrill and Walton,

This morning, the Rules Committee will be voting on whether to reappoint SFMTA Board Members Cajina and Henderson (Agenda Items #1 & 2).

On behalf of Walk SF, I want to express our full and complete support for reappointing these two SFMTA Directors.

In the first 3 months of the year, five pedestrians have been killed, including a 2-year old child in the crosswalk with their mother. The city has more work to do to ensure our streets are safe for everyone, from children to older adults.

Both Director Cajina and Henderson have provided clear guidance and direction to the agency regarding pedestrian safety. And Director Cajina has been a necessary and important voice on the Vision Zero Sub-Committee, ensuring pedestrian safety remains an agency priority. Both of these Directors ensure the agency focuses on the city's most vulnerable populations—those often overlooked in underfunded districts where streets remain unsafe. This need persists when the agency has limited funds to accomplish major street safety goals.

I'm unable to attend this morning's hearing to express our support for both Director Cajina and Director Henderson. Please vote to reappoint them to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Thank you,
~jodie

Jodie Medeiros (*she/her*)

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