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**TO: Board of Supervisors members**

I am supporting the appointment of Emanuel (Manny) Yekutiel to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Although I don't know Manny personally, I was on a recent Zoom call sponsored by the Transit Justice Coalition.

I had a very positive impression of Manny based on this call.

Eileen Boken

State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods\*

\* For identification purposes only.

It's my understanding that Mari Eliza is also supporting this appointment.

Mari Eliza is the Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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 Ryen Motzek, president of the Mission Merchants association and I am writing on behalf of said organization with strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny has proven himself as someone who is very invested in the local community by spearheading several impactful projects within the Mission District and beyond. Such leadership and drive is what will help keep the SFMTA board on the right track.

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.

His role as a convener and provider of civic programming for the City has given him unique insight into how this City works, the needs of the community, and how to work collaboratively across City departments.

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.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing Manny on the SFMTA board

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryen Motzek', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryen Motzek  
President, Mission Merchants Association

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**From:** [Calder Lorenz](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SFMTA Board of Directors Nomination Hearings on Monday 12/14 - Support for Fiona Hinze and Manny Yekutiel's nominations to the SFMTA Board of Directors  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I am the Senior Program Manager for Advocacy at St. Anthony Foundation in the Tenderloin. I am writing in support of Fiona Hinze and Manny Yekutiel's nominations to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I have worked directly with Fiona through the Tenderloin Traffic Safety Task Force and have seen firsthand her vision and dedication to the community. As an active member she has shown commitment to the work necessary to assure we achieve Vision Zero in the Tenderloin and I am confident that her lived experience as someone with disabilities and her advocacy for the rights of seniors and people with disabilities will result in better transit policy and help us advance crucial change. I am confident that she would make an exceptional addition to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

As a citizen of San Francisco, I live in the Mission District and have gotten to know Manny over the years. The work that Manny has done to foster community and bring about positive inclusive space to the Mission District is simply beautiful. His work has helped transform the Valencia corridor into a vibrant bicycle and walking friendly area during the COVID crisis. He regularly brings community together to engage civically and he provides endless opportunities for conversation both politically and in the context of traffic safety. I feel safer walking and biking down Valencia and his leadership to help small businesses adapt and transform has been inspiring. His work to bring the slow streets program to Valencia Street, a corridor which overlaps with one of Vision Zero's high-injury streets, Valencia Street, per their 2017 network, has allowed all of us in the neighborhood a refuge to walk, bicycle and safely distance during extremely challenging times. Manny has shown leadership, engagement and a commitment to community that would make him an incredible addition to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I appreciate your time and willingness to consider these two exceptional candidates.

In Community, Calder

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