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Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Fiona Hinze's nomination to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors. I have had the honor of serving with Fiona on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) over the last two years and believe she would be an excellent addition to the SFMTA Board. Fiona has always been fair and deliberative in her approach to issues before the SOTF, and the SFMTA Board would benefit from her exceptional leadership skills. On a personal note, I routinely rely on public transportation to commute to and from my place of employment, so it is important to me that public transportation continues to run safely, efficiently, and effectively -- particularly with the additional challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. I know Fiona will help guide the SFMTA in the right direction.

Most sincerely,

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Re: Support for confirmation of Fiona Hinze to SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear Chair Ronen and Supervisors Mar and Stefani,

Senior and Disability Action is delighted to support Fiona Hinze to be a member of the SFMTA Board of Directors.

We have worked closely with Fiona for several years, through the Vision Zero Coalition's Senior and Disability Pedestrian Safety Working Group, SDA's Transit Justice Group, Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly, Community Alliance of Disability Advocates, Dignity Fund Coalition, and IHSS Task Force. Fiona is a committed, hard-working, insightful advocate. As a person with a mobility disability and a person of color herself, she has personal experience with issues facing marginalized groups. She is able to use her experiences to understand the broader community and advocate for change. Fiona is good at listening, open to new ideas, and willing to find her role and take on work. She is an effective collaborator and it is a pleasure to work with her.

Fiona has extensive experience working on transit issues. We have collaborated with her in the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup to create a toolkit on parking-protected bike lanes and to advocate for city budget funding for pedestrian safety improvements. Fiona was part of the group that held a memorial for Thu Phan, our disabled friend who was killed by a car on Market Street a few years ago. Fiona cares deeply about creating a safe and effective transit system and she is committed to doing the work to make it happen.

For all of these reasons, we feel confident that Fiona will be an excellent addition to the MTA Board. She will listen to the community, speak up for seniors, disabled people, people of color, and other underserved and marginalized groups, and she will work with other members to create a safer and better transportation system.

Please contact me at [jessica@sdaction.org](mailto:jessica@sdaction.org) or (510) 427-7535 if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Lehman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Jessica Lehman  
Executive Director, Senior and Disability Action