From: <u>Lian Chang</u>
To: <u>Young, Victor (BOS)</u>

Subject: Rules Committee 4/28 ITEM 3 / 250415: In support of Mike Chen

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 10:06:43 AM

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Dear Rules Committee,

I am a transit and safe streets advocate, and San Francisco mom, writing in support of Mike Chen's re-nomination to the SFMTA Board.

Mike is a regular transit rider and cyclist while also understanding what it's like to navigate our city by car; and he's a proven community leader. As an Asian American, I have been delighted for Mike Chen to represent the needs of our diverse community on this board.

But more than anything else, Mike is uniquely proven and prepared for this role, as he had been a member of the SFMTA CAC for almost 5 years, and elected by his peers there to chair that committee. In a sense, he had a 5-year long proving ground and job interview for this role.

Since joining the SFMTA Board, I've seen Mike prove his thoroughness, fair-mindedness, and commitment to helping San Francisco make progress on its Vision Zero and Transit first goals, and to find solutions for funding Muni, while also working with the communities that he serves to understand and address people's needs and concerns. While I surely do not agree with Mike on every issue, I always trust that he has the interest of all San Franciscans at heart and he has consistently proven that he does his homework, asks tough questions, and votes thoughtfully.

For these reasons, I urge the Rules Committee to support Director Chen's re-nomination to the board so that San Francisco can continue benefiting from his expertise and hard work during this critical time for public transit funding and our city's recovery.

Thank you, Lian Chang

Lian Chikako Chang (she/her)

From: <u>Jodie Medeiros</u>

To: Walton, Shamann (BOS); Sherrill, Stephen (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)

Cc: Young, Victor (BOS)

Subject: Mike Chen's reappointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors, File #250415

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 4:04:24 PM

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Dear Chair Walton,

I am writing to express Walk San Francisco's support for Mike Chen's reappointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors, File #250415.

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Walk SF strongly urges you to vote in favor of Mike Chen's reappointment.

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From: Chasel Lee

To: Young, Victor (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Sherrill, Stephen (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Board of

Supervisors (BOS)

Cc: <u>Lurie, Daniel (MYR)</u>

Subject: United Democratic Club - Letter of Support for Mike Chen (SFMTA Board of Directors)

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 1:56:44 AM

Attachments: United Democratic Club - Letter of Support for Mike Chen (SFMTA).pdf

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Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Please see attached for the United Democratic Club's letter of support for the confirmation of Mike Chen to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

Best regards, Chasel Lee

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Pronouns: he/him/his
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To: <u>Board of Supervisors (BOS)</u>

Cc: <u>Lurie, Daniel (MYR)</u>; <u>Young, Victor (BOS)</u>

Subject: Edwin M. Lee Asian Pacific Democratic Club Letter of Support - Mike Chen

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 8:03:59 AM

Attachments: Edwin M. Lee Asian Pacific Democratic Club Letter of Support - Mike Chen.pdf

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Good morning,

Please find the attached letter in support of Director Chen's re-appointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors on behalf of the Edwin M. Lee Asian Pacific Democratic Club.

Regards,

Selina Sun, President Edwin M. Lee Asian Pacific Democratic Club edleedems.org





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From: Brian Quan

To: Young, Victor (BOS)

Cc: Walton, Shamann (BOS); Sherrill, Stephen (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)

Subject: Rules Committee in Support of Mike Chen for SF MTA Board

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 9:18:27 AM

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Hello esteemed Rules Committee Members,

I am a District One resident and I am writing today to express my support for the reappointment of Mike Chen to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board. He has been a great advocate for the Asian American community listening to our many diverse voices and experiences. He has been working hard in his past term to balance the many different needs of the Asian American community as the MTA faces budgetary struggles and understands how its impacts will be felt. His expertise in data science brings invaluable insight to guide the MTA through its current challenges.

Brian Quan