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From: Carmel Passanisi [mailto:rubycsp@earthlink.net]
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To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: MTA Board Appointments

We understand that a Charter Amendment is being prepared for the November ballot introduced by Supervisor Yee that would split the MTA Board appointments between the Mayor and the Supervisors 4 to 3. The board currently needs seven votes to reject the SFMTA's budget. This measure would lower that requirement to six votes.

We thank Supervisors Yee Campos Kim and Peskin for putting this Amendment on the November ballot and hope we can depend on the rest of you to support this effort. The public has the right to determine how our money is spent and how our transportation system is run. The SFMTA is the one that needs to shift policies and goals. They work for us. We don't work for them.

San Francisco needs a transportation system that works today not a plan for the future. We need directors who listen to the public and follow our suggestions. Taking seats out of buses and removing bus stops will not help an aging population families with children or merchants and businesses who are finding it impossible to function with the changes that the SFMTA is forcing on us against our will.

I would like to go one step further and have the head of the MTA elected not appointed. The current head, Ed Reiskin, is doing a terrible job of serving the people of SF and has no accountability to the SF residents.

We need solutions that work for all of us, not just special interests.

Sincerely

Carmel S. Passanisi