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May 8, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Chair
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Chair Ronen,

On behalf of our over 10,000 members, I write to voice the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's strong support for Mayor Breed's nomination of Jane Natoli to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Jane will bring a broad range of skills to the position, but her experience as an advocate for active transportation and transit makes her especially well-suited to represent the hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans who bike, walk and take transit every day. She has been involved in many of our campaigns to improve biking across our city, and has proven herself to be a respectful, deeply knowledgeable and effective advocate for improving safety and encouraging more people to bike.

She also possesses significant expertise in financial management and analysis that will be particularly critical during this time of dire fiscal challenges for the City and the SFMTA. Having worked with Jane for two years as a member of our board of directors, I can attest that not only is she well-versed in fiscal policy, but she is a hard working, diligent and considerate colleague. She always strove to keep the organization's mission centered in any discussion of policy or programming, and was a champion of using social justice principles to guide our work.

San Francisco faces a potentially debilitating challenge to its transportation system at this moment as COVID-19 reduces Muni service and poses tough questions about future transit operations. The pandemic also promises to radically shift commute patterns to downtown job centers while placing additional pressures on our curb space as small businesses shift to curbside pick-up as they re-open. Meanwhile, the expansion of Slow Streets and car-free spaces has proven a successful public health tool to ensure safe distance for essential trips and exercise. I am confident that Jane will bring a creative, solutions-oriented attitude to all of these challenges, while continuing to support the City's Vision Zero, Transit First, and climate policies.

At a time of suffering and public health emergency, we need someone who understands those challenges and can step up and immediately get to work addressing them. We ask you to recommend Jane Natoli for the SFMTA Board of Directors to the rest of your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Wiedenmeier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Wiedenmeier
Executive Director

From: [Bobak Esfandiari](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Theo Gordon](#)
Subject: Confirmation that you've received SF YIMBY petition signatures re: Jane Natoli's rules committee hearing on August 10th
Date: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:50:52 AM

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Hi Victor,

My name is Bobak Esfandiari and I'm a member of SF YIMBY.

I'm emailing to confirm receipt of a petition with 277 signatories titled "**Support Jane Natoli for Confirmation to the SFMTA Board**".

You should have received the petition via electronic mail from a service called Action Network.

Let me know if you didn't get it and I can download a CSV file of the signatories and email to you directly.

Thank you in advance for confirming so that my group knows that its voice will be in the record for the hearing on Monday August 10th.

Best,

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Bobak Esfandiari
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"Let the beauty of what you love be what you do."
-Rumi

From: [Farley, Clair \(ADM\)](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Jane Natoli, SFMTA Board of Directors
Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:18:37 PM

Hi Victor,

Can you please include the letter below in Public Comment for the Rules Committee hearing on Monday August 10th? The agenda item is #7: [Mayoral Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Jane Natoli].

Thank you,

Clair

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Farley, Clair (ADM)" <clair.farley@sfgov.org>
Date: August 5, 2020 at 1:39:52 PM PDT
To: "Farley, Clair (ADM)" <clair.farley@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for Jane Natoli, SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear Board of Supervisors and Rules Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Jane Natoli nomination to SFMTA Board of Directors.

Jane, would be the first transgender person to serve on this Board and would work to support inclusion and equity at SFMTA. She will work quickly towards solutions for our City and our residents in these unprecedented times.

Jane comes to this work as an advocate for safe streets, fighting for the LGBTQ community and all San Franciscans walking, biking, and taking transit. It is important now more than ever we continue to support and foster trans leadership in San Francisco. Transgender people experience unprecedented levels of violence and discrimination in their daily lives including on public transit, Jane's leadership will assure that community needs and voices are heard and addressed.

From 2018 to 2020, she served as an elected member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's Board of Directors, helping to guide the 10,000 member organization in its mission of making biking more accessible, safe, and diverse for everyone in the City. She has regularly shown up to advocate on behalf of projects that will do just that throughout the City. For her, it's not just the right thing to do, but personal, as she has been hit while biking three times in San Francisco.

She understands the gravity of what is ahead of us and remains committed to ensuring

we meet our Vision Zero goals while getting San Franciscans around safely. She wants to uphold our values as a Transit First city and ensure that our system truly serves the riders who need it most.

We ask that you please move forward Jane Natoli nomination for the SFMTA Board of Directors to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

LGBTQ Community Leaders

Clair Farley, Director of the Office of Transgender Initiatives

Akira Jackson, Director of TAJA Coalition

Nicole Santamaria, Director of El/La Para Trans Latina

Nikki Calma, Co-chair of TransMarch

Rimi Koka, Director of Parivar Bay Area

Karyn Skultety, Director of OpenHouse

Trans Home SF

St. James Infirmary

SF LGBT Center

Members of the San Francisco Trans Advisory Committee

SF Bay Area LGBTQ Covid Relief Coalition



August 7, 2020

Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, Gordon Mar
Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Support for appointment of Jane Natoli to the SFMTA Board of Directors

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Stefani, and Mar,

San Francisco Transit Riders (SFTR) is the city's member-supported advocate for transit riders and for affordable, efficient, and growing transit. I'm writing to support the appointment of Jane Natoli to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I appreciate Ms. Natoli's experience as a transit rider and a community advocate. I have found Ms. Natoli to be thoughtful and pragmatic, and able to connect with a wide variety of people. Of course, her experience on several boards, her experience in the financial sector, and her role on the General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee all will serve her well on the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I urge you to approve Jane Natoli's appointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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

Cat Carter
Interim Executive Director
San Francisco Transit Riders

cc:

SFTMA Board of Directors
Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation

Rules Committee Chair Hillary Ronen and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ,

277 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Support Jane Natoli for Confirmation to the SFMTA Board.

Here is the petition they signed:

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Chair
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Chair Ronen,

I am writing to express my support for Jane Natoli as Mayor London Breed's nominee for the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Jane comes to this work as an advocate for safe streets, regularly showing up and fighting for everyday San Franciscans walking, biking, and taking transit. From 2018 to 2020, she served as an elected member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition's Board of Directors, helping to guide the 10,000 member organization in its mission of making biking more accessible, safe, and diverse for everyone in the City. She has regularly shown up to advocate on behalf of projects that will do just that throughout the City. For her, it's not just the right thing to do, but personal, as she has been hit while biking three times in San Francisco.

In addition to that experience, Jane serves on two other boards currently, the SF LGBT Center and YIMBY Action, and is also a Mayoral appointee on the Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. She understands the need for a steady hand guiding organizations, making the right and sometimes tough decisions for the organizations she serves and staying focused on the mission and centering the needs of those who need our help most. She takes the fiscal responsibility of overseeing organizations seriously and understands the challenges ahead for SFMTA and our City.

She understands the gravity of what is ahead of us and remains committed to ensuring we meet our Vision Zero goals while getting San Franciscans around safely. She wants to uphold our values as a Transit First city and ensure that our system truly serves the riders who need it most. Frequent and reliable transit is a must, but as a trans woman, she also understands that everyone who rides our buses and trains or walking or biking deserves to be treated with dignity and that is just as real a barrier for too many San Franciscans getting around our City as how often the bus comes.

I am confident that Jane will bring all of her experiences to bear in this role and will step in and work quickly towards solutions for our City and our citizens in these unprecedented times. I ask you to recommend Jane Natoli for the SFMTA Board of Directors to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

SF YIMBY

1. Abigail Tinker (*ZIP code: 94110*)

Jane is the kind of thoughtful, balanced person we need!

2. Alexandra Sweet (*ZIP code: 94110*)

3. Adam Buck (*ZIP code: 94158*)

4. Adebia Ntoso (*ZIP code: 94110*)

5. Adrienne Moon (*ZIP code: 94131*)

6. Adam Barton (*ZIP code: 94103*)

7. Alex Gripshover (*ZIP code: 94114*)

8. Alex Heuer (*ZIP code: 94177*)

9. Andrea Horne (*ZIP code: 94131*)

Yes keep Jane...we need a representation in city politics

10. Akira Jackson (*ZIP code: 94102*)

11. Alana Willhite (*ZIP code: 94607*)

12. Alexander Walker (*ZIP code: 94123*)

Go Jane!

13. David Alexander (*ZIP code: 94121*)

14. Alexis Sanchez (*ZIP code: 94110*)

15. Alexis Woods (*ZIP code: 94117*)

16. Alim Virani (*ZIP code: 94109*)

17. Ariel Dang-Tran (*ZIP code: 94118*)

18. Amy Chen (*ZIP code: 94122*)

Jane is courageous and beautiful. She is a strong voice of pedestrian safety, protected bike lane and public transportation. Please confirm her.

19. Amy Vesper (*ZIP code: 94607*)

20. Andie Cockerill (*ZIP code: 94108*)

21. Andrew Fister (*ZIP code: 94122*)

22. Anika Steig (*ZIP code: 94133*)

Jane is amazing and a true community organizer and advocate.

23. Ann Belden (*ZIP code: 94117*)

24. Annie Gaus (*ZIP code: 94109*)

25. Anthony Canape (*ZIP code: 94110*)

26. Andy Thornley (*ZIP code: 94121*)

Jane will be an exceedingly thoughtful and intelligent overseer of the SFMTA and its many duties and responsibilities, for the good of the city, its residents, workers, and visitors. Please confirm her nomination and get her to work steering the SFMTA without delay.

27. Armand Domalewski (*ZIP code: 94103*)

Please support Jane.

28. Asumu Takikawa (*ZIP code: 94118*)

29. Aurico Daga (*ZIP code: 94121*)

30. Austin Hunter (*ZIP code: 94103*)

31. Barak Gila (*ZIP code: 94110*)

32. Bea Batz (*ZIP code: 94112*)

I support Jane!

33. Benedict Donahue (*ZIP code: 94110*)

Ridiculous the political games that are being played right now. We need action and tough decision making right now. London Breed and Jane have shown they can rise up to the challenge, and have my strong support.

34. Benjamin Libbey (*ZIP code: 94109*)

Jane has been a fantastic transit advocate for a long time now. She is knowledgeable about mobility issues and is driven to improve San Francisco's transit system for everyone.

35. Ben Shultz (*ZIP code: 94117*)

36. Bobak Esfandiari (*ZIP code: 94121*)

Jane would make for a phenomenal commissioner at the SFMTA, she is truly a Transit First thinker, and she understands the severity of the challenges we face as a city. Confirming her appointment would send a strong signal that you truly support investing in transit, and not just paying lip service to the idea of investing in transit.

37. Sarah Boudreau (*ZIP code: 94123*)

38. Byron Philhour (*ZIP code: 94121*)

39. Brian Quan (*ZIP code: 94121*)

40. Vallie Brown (*ZIP code: 94117*)

41. Bryan Culbertson (*ZIP code: 94607*)

42. Trevor Chandler (*ZIP code: 94122*)

43. Charley Goss (*ZIP code: 94109*)

44. Chasel Lee (*ZIP code: 94132*)

45. Christopher Pederson (*ZIP code: 94112*)

46. Chris Masterson (*ZIP code: 94117*)

47. Christina Salehi (*ZIP code: 94109*)

48. Charles Jurczynski (*ZIP code: 94114*)

I recently spoke to Jane for the first time, and her thoughtful, understanding insights are just what this city needs right now.

49. Clair Farley (*ZIP code: 94501*)

Please support Jane Natoli for SFMTA Board!

50. Cliff Bargar (*ZIP code: 94107*)

51. Erika Ehmsen (*ZIP code: 94110*)

I have long watched Jane's advocacy work (via Twitter) and look forward to Jane being able to

formally influence SFMTA policy in our Transit-First City. Thank you for your consideration.

52. Corey Smith (*ZIP code: 94117*)

53. Cyn Wang (*ZIP code: 94122*)

Jane Natoli is a longtime community leader, bicycle and public transit advocate, and LGBTQ champion. She would make an exceptional addition to the MTA Board.

54. Dana Beuschel (*ZIP code: 94109*)

55. Elizabeth Miller (*ZIP code: 94109*)

Jane is among the hardest workers and advocates I have seen, and that is saying a lot. She is dogged in her representation of the most vulnerable while she continues to advocate for the greater good and public safety of all in San Francisco. Please confirm her for the SFMTA board!

56. Danielle DeLeon (*ZIP code: 94103*)

57. Danielle Thoe (*ZIP code: 94102*)

58. David Broockman (*ZIP code: 94102*)

59. David Stone (*ZIP code: 94122*)

60. Deanna Surma (*ZIP code: 94114*)

Jane is a thoughtful, committed member of San Francisco's activist community. SFMTA would be lucky to have her enthusiasm and insight. Please approve the nomination and let her contribute to the future of our city.

61. Delaney Allan (*ZIP code: 94114*)

62. Derek Lee (*ZIP code: 94133*)

63. Dan Federman (*ZIP code: 94117*)

64. Dan Fingal-Surma (*ZIP code: 94114*)

Jane is an amazing, dedicated advocate for public transit and bike infrastructure and should be confirmed immediately!

65. Diana Chen (*ZIP code: 94118*)

66. Vadim Graboy (*ZIP code: 94110*)

67. Dragisa Krsmanovic (*ZIP code: 94110*)

68. Andrea Jadwin (*ZIP code: 94122*)

69. Derek Remski (*ZIP code: 94117*)

Please confirm Jane Natoli's nomination to the SFMTA Board of Directors at the Rules Committee meeting and confirm her at the meeting of the Full Board. Jane will bring a much needed voice to the MTA Board and will push for equity when serving the people of San Francisco

70. Daniel Rozycki (*ZIP code: 94122*)

71. Eddie Siegel (*ZIP code: 94115*)

72. Eli Sokol (*ZIP code: 94117*)

73. Elisa Yeung (*ZIP code: 94118*)

74. Elliot Schwartz (*ZIP code: 94107*)

75. Emily Huston (*ZIP code: 94118*)

I'm so excited to have a bicycle advocate on the SFMTA board. Go Jane!

76. Erik Shilts (*ZIP code: 94131*)

Jane is a committed advocate of using transit to better peoples' lives. The Bay Area needs people like her to help us face climate change and making our cities more livable.

77. Erika Cagampan (*ZIP code: 94122*)

78. Franco Sasieta (*ZIP code: 94114*)

79. David Bloom (*ZIP code: 94107*)

80. Eugene Novikov (*ZIP code: 94158*)

81. Gerald Kanapathy (*ZIP code: 94115*)

82. Hansen Qian (*ZIP code: 94113*)

Jane is a tireless advocate and will be a great addition to the board that represents my voice. Please approve!

83. Yuzhou Huang (*ZIP code: 97405*)

Hard to find a more dedicated cyclist

84. Daniel Haspel (*ZIP code: 94107*)

I wholeheartedly support Jane Natoli's confirmation time the MTA board and encourage you to as well. She has an impressive record of dedication to this city and its citizens and will provide a strong

and differentiated voice on the SFMTA board that will make San Francisco better.

85. Galib Kabir (*ZIP code: 10462*)

86. Hans How (*ZIP code: 94109*)

87. Ellen Teapot (*ZIP code: 95008*)

88. Jehan Tremback (*ZIP code: 94102*)

Why subvert democracy with petty procedural games?

89. Huey Kwik (*ZIP code: 94115*)

90. Mouad Hadji (*ZIP code: 94117*)

91. Ian Janicki (*ZIP code: 94114*)

92. Ian MacGregor (*ZIP code: 94114*)

93. Kel Sullivan (*ZIP code: 94107*)

94. Okan Sengun (*ZIP code: 94107*)

95. Ira Kaplan (*ZIP code: 94108*)

96. Isabelle Malouf (*ZIP code: 94122*)

97. Isabella Chu (*ZIP code: 94063*)

Jane Natoli is an excellent, well qualified candidate for this position. Please approve her!

98. Hilary Schiraldi (*ZIP code: 94131*)

99. Jack Harman (*ZIP code: 94105*)

Jane is an amazing advocate for transit and safe streets. She would bring a hugely valuable perspective to the SFMTA board, and I both hope and expect that the BoS will speedily confirm her.

100. Janet Clyde (*ZIP code: 94110*)

Please schedule the hearing. The MTA needs a full board and Jane Natoli is qualified. This nomination should proceed asap.

101. Jason Cunningham (*ZIP code: 94117*)

I support Jane, and so should you!

102. Julio Buendia (*ZIP code: 94133*)

103. James Chang (*ZIP code: 94702*)

104. Jean Walsh (*ZIP code: 94608*)

105. Jeff Chan (*ZIP code: 94116*)

Support!

106. Jeffrey Mishler (*ZIP code: 94110*)

107. Justin Fung (*ZIP code: 94127*)

108. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94110*)

109. Jeremy Linden (*ZIP code: 94103*)

110. Joe DiMento (*ZIP code: 94131*)

Jane is a great choice - please confirm her!

111. John Olson (*ZIP code: 94117*)

112. John Bolka (*ZIP code: 94103*)

113. John Lee (*ZIP code: 94109*)

114. Jonathan Salomon (*ZIP code: 94110*)

115. Jon Bate (*ZIP code: 94114*)

116. Jordan Staniscia (*ZIP code: 94110*)

117. Jordan Burns (*ZIP code: 91741*)

118. Jordon Wing (*ZIP code: 94110*)

119. Josephine Zhao (*ZIP code: 94122*)

Jane is open-minded and she listens! She is non judgmental and curious. She has the humility to work with anyone. I am so excited for her nomination! Please appoint Jane to the SFMTA seat!

120. Jack Persons (*ZIP code: 94121*)

121. Jacky Zhen (*ZIP code: 94112*)

122. Julia Teitelbaum (ZIP code: 94103)

Jane is dedicated to San Francisco and knows it well. I can't think of someone better for the SFMTA board.

123. shannon amitin (ZIP code: 94114)

I support Jane, she is a fierce advocate and inspiration for the trans community.

124. Kate Fordyce (ZIP code: 22932)

I support Jane Natoli for confirmation to the SFMTA Board

125. Kaylé Barnes (ZIP code: 94115)

126. Kayleigh Lloyd (ZIP code: 94117)

127. Keith Mosher (ZIP code: 94103)

128. Keziah Plattner (ZIP code: 94117)

129. Kyle Borland (ZIP code: 94124)

130. Kevin Riley (ZIP code: 94114)

131. Kristen Asato-Webb (ZIP code: 94109-5458)

Jane understands this position and has the experience to prove it. You want Jane on this body, she has the utmost integrity and will honor the public with thoughtful consideration of every piece of material brought before her.

132. Kenneth Russell (ZIP code: 94132)

133. Keith Soranno (ZIP code: 94109)

134. Kyle Conroy (ZIP code: 94107)

I worked with Jane; she's an incredible activist and is the perfect person for the SFMTA board.

135. Matt Larson (ZIP code: 94124)

Jane is highly qualified and will do an amazing job on the board.

136. Laura Fingal-Surma (ZIP code: 94114)

It is no coincidence that Jane has held so many board roles. She is an invaluable addition to any leadership team. As a fellow board member, I enthusiastically endorse her nomination. You will not find anyone more qualified to serve the SFMTA board than Jane.

137. Laura Tepper (ZIP code: 94131)

138. Lee Markosian (*ZIP code: 94117*)

139. Leon Cann (*ZIP code: 32937*)

140. Jerry Reiva (*ZIP code: 9411;*)

Jane is an excellent human and would make an excellent choice as she really cares about making San Francisco a better place for the people

141. Linda Ho (*ZIP code: 91766*)

142. Linda Quan (*ZIP code: 94121*)

143. Lindy Patterson (*ZIP code: 94110*)

Jane is awesome! I worked with her on the SFBC board.

144. John Lisovsky (*ZIP code: 94117*)

As a District 5 Voter, I expect Supervisor Preston to recognize Jane Natoli's long service to the queer community and vote to confirm this champion of diversity, inclusion, and acceptance—three core values of District 5 and San Francisco.

145. Lori Droste (*ZIP code: 94705*)

146. Lauren White (*ZIP code: 94118*)

147. Maggie White (*ZIP code: 94107*)

148. Robert Mansfield (*ZIP code: 94107*)

149. Mark Press (*ZIP code: 94103*)

150. Marcus Ismael (*ZIP code: 94132*)

151. Martin Mroz (*ZIP code: 94108*)

152. Marty Cerles Jr (*ZIP code: 94115*)

153. Mqtt Brezina (*ZIP code: 94114*)

Jane is the best of San Francisco

154. Matthew Castillon (*ZIP code: 94109*)

Jane is incredible. The Board of Supervisors would be making a huge mistake in not confirming her to the SFMTA Board

155. Michael Miller (*ZIP code: 94110*)

156. Michael Ellison (*ZIP code: 94107*)

157. Michael Agulnek (*ZIP code: 94110*)

158. Michelle Salomon (*ZIP code: 94110*)

159. Mick Del Rosario (*ZIP code: 94103*)

Jane's experience and work ethic will make a positive impact for our city and SFMTA. Please confirm her appointment to the board of directors!

160. Milo Trauss (*ZIP code: 94131*)

161. Mitch Conquer (*ZIP code: 94131*)

162. Matthew Janes (*ZIP code: 94110*)

163. Maya Kuttan (*ZIP code: 94131*)

As a resident of San Francisco, who has known Jane for over 20 years, I strongly urge you to confirm her for the SFMTA board. You cannot find a more informed or impassioned individual. She has dedicated herself to improving transit in this city for everyone and has a deep and nuanced understanding of the factors involved to truly help make this a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

164. Michael Chen (*ZIP code: 94109*)

165. Nadia Rahman (*ZIP code: 94118*)

166. Nico Nagle (*ZIP code: 94612*)

167. Nancy Tung (*ZIP code: 94107*)

168. Neal Drumm (*ZIP code: 94121*)

169. Nelson Zhao (*ZIP code: 94133*)

170. Nicholas Lipanovich (*ZIP code: 94103*)

171. Nick Day (*ZIP code: 94107*)

172. Nima Rahimi (*ZIP code: 94109*)

173. Nikki Canape (*ZIP code: 94110*)

174. Nick Lipanovich (*ZIP code: 94103*)

175. Octavi Semonin (*ZIP code: 94107*)

176. Neha Shah (*ZIP code: 94109*)

177. Olivia Gamboa (*ZIP code: 94121*)

I strongly support Jane Natoli for the SFMTA board. She has a great deal of relevant experience, a unique and necessary perspective and a fair-minded approach that our city needs.

178. Hazel O'Neil (*ZIP code: 94121*)

179. Oleg Tomillo (*ZIP code: 94116*)

Jane deserves to be appointed. Put aside any political ideologies and appoint this qualified candidate.

180. Parker Day (*ZIP code: 94103*)

181. Patrick Gaarder (*ZIP code: 94103*)

182. Patrick Traugher (*ZIP code: 94109*)

I strongly support Jane's appointment to the MTA Board!

183. Paulina Lei (*ZIP code: 95130*)

184. Paul Valdez (*ZIP code: 94110*)

185. Peter Crane (*ZIP code: 94109*)

Listen to engaged citizens! Go Jane!

186. Peter Darche (*ZIP code: 94102*)

Jane is a committed advocate who works tirelessly to make San Francisco more just, sustainable, and healthy. We're lucky to have such a capable leader be nominated for the board!

187. Phil Crone (*ZIP code: 94112*)

188. Phillip Kobernick (*ZIP code: 94131*)

189. Pawel Dlugosz (*ZIP code: 94610*)

190. Theodore Randolph (*ZIP code: 94112*)

191. Philip Williams (*ZIP code: 94124*)

192. Rachel Ball-Jones (ZIP code: 94133)

Way to go Jane!

193. Reed Schwartz (ZIP code: 94115)

194. Robert Fruchtman (ZIP code: 94117)

195. Richard Lowden (ZIP code: 94121)

Go Jane! We need you on this board!

196. roger kuttan (ZIP code: 94114)

197. Ron Lee (ZIP code: 94131)

198. robin kaye (ZIP code: 94117)

199. Auros Harman (ZIP code: 94066)

I've been riding BART, CalTrain, and Muni regularly for twenty years. I believe Jane will serve the economic and environmental interests of San Francisco residents and workers.

200. Roan Kattouw (ZIP code: 94109)

201. Rachel Dearborn (ZIP code: 94121)

202. Ruby Tsang (ZIP code: 94115)

203. Sabeek Pradhan (ZIP code: 94107)

Jane is an extremely strong advocate for cyclist infrastructure and public transportation. She would bring a much needed voice to the SFMTA Board. I strongly urge you to approve her nomination.

204. Samuel Deutsch (ZIP code: 94110)

205. Sara Ogilvie (ZIP code: 94110)

Dear Supervisors, please confirm Jane Natoli to the SFMTA Board. She is well equipped to represent all aspects of public transportation policy in San Francisco and is an important voice for LGBTQ and other vulnerable population riders. Thank you for your leadership.

206. Sarah Hoffman (ZIP code: 94114)

207. Sarah Arnquist (ZIP code: 94116)

208. Alexander Aickin (ZIP code: 11211)

209. Scot Conner (ZIP code: 94704)

210. Seeyew Mo (*ZIP code: 94127*)

211. Anthony Fox (*ZIP code: 94109*)

212. Steven Hepting (*ZIP code: 94109*)

Yay!

213. Sidharth Kapur (*ZIP code: 94612*)

214. Simon Peter (*ZIP code: 94115*)

215. Spencer Simonsen (*ZIP code: 94108*)

Jane will be an outstanding SFMTA Board member, especially during difficult times like these. She will bring a unique and necessary perspective to the board and will be an advocate for all types of transportation for San Francisco's residents, especially those who are least privileged. Please vote to confirm her to the SFMTA board.

216. Steve Marzo (*ZIP code: 94112*)

217. Sandy Su (*ZIP code: 94117*)

218. Stacey Randecker (*ZIP code: 94107*)

Jane is an incredible transit advocate. She's served on the SF Bike Coalition board for years and has supported open streets, protected bike lanes, and true "Transit First" priorities. She is thoughtful, level-headed, extremely intelligent, but very approachable. And she is GREAT at math - something we need desperately in these dire times. A solution isn't a solution if it doesn't pencil out. San Francisco and SFMTA would be lucky to have her on board.

219. Stephanie Beechem (*ZIP code: 94611*)

220. Stephen Lambe (*ZIP code: 94118*)

Jane is the right choice for the SFMTA board and to ensure San Franciscans have access to the mobility they deserve.

221. Stephen Snyder (*ZIP code: 94121*)

222. Tim Hickey (*ZIP code: 94115*)

Jane knows the city and the challenges awaiting the city. She's well experienced to make wise decisions for our citizens.

223. Sachi Takahashi-Rial (*ZIP code: 94114*)

224. Tami Carter (*ZIP code: 94122*)

225. Dylan Harris (*ZIP code: 94103*)

226. Teresa Hammerl (ZIP code: 94116)

227. Michael Lee (ZIP code: 94112)

Please put transit riders first and approve Jane. Enough with the silly political games! We need leadership in this time of crisis and not politicians grand standing - we have enough of that in the White House we don't need it in SF!

228. Theo Gordon (ZIP code: 94115)

229. Thomas Rogers (ZIP code: 94107)

Jane is a passionate and intelligent safety advocate, and we would be lucky to have her on the SFMTA Board!

230. TONY LEUNG (ZIP code: 94133)

231. Taylor McNair (ZIP code: 94103)

232. Tom Paulino (ZIP code: 94117)

233. Tom Poston (ZIP code: 94117-4400)

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234. Timothy Green (ZIP code: 94102)

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249. Stephen Worsfold (*ZIP code: 94122*)

250. Yann Benetreau (*ZIP code: 94117*)

251. Bryan Klofas (*ZIP code: 94131*)

Jane would make a great addition to the SFMTA board! I know her from the Bike Coalition.

252. Zach Lipton (*ZIP code: 94103*)

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June 9, 2020

Dear President Yee and Board of Supervisors,

The Transit Justice Coalition, a coalition of equity organizations, communities, and individual stakeholders, is writing to express our support for the Board of Supervisors to refrain from approving the appointment of Jane Natoli to the SFMTA Board of Directors. We firmly believe our transportation system should prioritize the safety and accessibility of our most vulnerable residents who have historically been marginalized and harmed by Governmental policies and corporate actions. This includes our strong support of trans and queer representation on Boards and Commissions.

While we uphold the need for equitable representation and empowerment of marginalized communities, we also recognize our responsibility for holding all potential candidates accountable to remaining firmly committed to advocating for the equity and empowerment of the communities they represent. The appointment of an individual therefore requires us to not only identify candidates who provide increased representation for marginalized communities but candidates who also provide assurance that their actions' will reflect the principles of equity, empowerment, and the prioritization of the needs of vulnerable communities that lies at the core of the Transit Justice Coalition. We do not believe Jane Natoli's words and actions reflect a firm commitment to these principles.

The MTA has been plagued by equity and governance issues. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on low-income and marginalized communities, as well as exacerbated the many challenges faced by transportation agencies as they work hard to remain open to essential travel. Many agencies in the Bay Area, such as ACTransit and VTA have suspended fare collection for the safety of their drivers and in recognition of the financial challenges faced by many transit riders. Unfortunately, the SFMTA recently made the harmful decision to ignore the needs of our vulnerable communities and instead voted to increase the burdens of communities hardest hit by the pandemic by raising fares.

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