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December 10, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Re: Letter of Support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board (SFMTA)
Nominee, Manny Yekutieli**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Masood Samereie and I am the President of Castro Merchants, I am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutieli for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Masood Samereie".

Masood Samereie, President

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Gina Fromer, CEO for Children's Council of SF and native of SF and am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

Manny, is a community advocate who cares about all San Franciscans and their access to neighborhoods, and our city's most valuable assets – each other. He has opened his doors to his neighbors and used his business platform to increase access to critical information that is pertinent to us all. I believe he would be a good addition to the SFMTA board.

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.

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Sincerely,

Gina M. Fromer

Children's Council of SF

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Chris Hillyard and I am the Co-Owner of Farley's coffee shop on Potrero Hill, and am writing in strong support of Manny Yekutiel for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

I had the pleasure of meeting Manny when he was opening Manny's. Manny immediately struck me as someone that was connected to the community. Within a very short time since that meeting, Manny has created a staple in the Mission District, combining a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, political bookstore and civic events space. Clearly Manny knows how to get things done!

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Chris Hillyard
Co-Owner
Farley's

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lex Sloan and I am the Executive Director of the historic Roxie Theater on 16th Street at Valencia. I am writing to you in strong support of Manny Yekutiel's nomination for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

The Roxie is located kitty-corner to Manny's and our businesses are both staples in the Mission District. I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Manny on screenings and post-screening conversations. I fondly remember working with Manny and Mother Jones Magazine on a screening of CLEMENCY where we hosted the fantastic director Chinonye Chukwu. This event would not have happened without Manny's ability to network and create community. The partnership between The Roxie Theater and the welcoming gathering spaces at Manny's creates a hub for art and social justice to flourish in the Mission.

In March when our business was first to close Manny was already brainstorming new ways to support The Roxie and other small businesses on the Valencia Street Corridor. His ambition and dedication to this neighborhood are one of the main reasons Valencia Street was closed to traffic and became a model for other main streets throughout the city. His ability to find solutions and enact positive change in the middle of crises is why you should strongly consider his addition to the SFMTA board.

Manny is well known for his service to the community. His experience as a small business owner gives him a unique understanding of our needs pertaining to transit, while also having a deep understanding of the needs of different communities.

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.

Sincerely,

Lex Sloan

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Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, Gordon Mar
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Re: Support for appointment of Manny Yekutieli 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. We wish to express our strong support for the appointment of Manny Yekutieli to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I appreciate Mr. Yekutieli's perspective as a small business owner and Muni rider. His service on the Small Business Commission, and with the Valencia Corridor Merchants Association, will bring better balance to the SFMTA Board of Directors to represent the needs of the merchants who are the lifeblood of our economy and community.

I urge you to approve Manny Yekutieli's appointment to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Cordes".

Mark Cordes
Executive Director
San Francisco Transit Riders

cc:
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
SFMTA Board of Directors
Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation



Friday, December 11, 2020,

Re: Letter of Support for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board (SFMTA) Nominee, Manny Yekutiel

Members of The Board of Supervisors;

I am writing in support of Manny's nomination to the SFMTA Board. As the founder and CEO of Souvla, a group of five Greek restaurants in San Francisco, and someone who has interacted with multiple members of the SFMTA over our nearly seven years in business, I believe Manny will be an excellent candidate.

I was very impressed with his passion, drive and organization with the Valencia Street Closure project – something I feel can be viewed as a resounding success, and is no small feat with respect to organizing and motivating a diverse group of small business owners during such a challenging time whilst simultaneously navigating San Francisco's political and regulatory landscape.

More importantly, I feel very strongly that the small business community should have representation on the SFMTA board, and small business, and more-specifically the restaurant community, can be represented and have their voices heard. I have personally had experience with respect to working with the SFMTA to revise regulations around white zones, allowing our restaurants (pre-pandemic) to provide safer alternatives for those picking up to-go and delivery orders.

I was very excited to hear of Mayor Breed's nomination of Manny, and know he will serve the board well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Billies", written in a stylized, cursive script.

CHARLES BILLIES
FOUNDER & CEO
SOUVLA