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Dear Honorable Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I am the Senior Program Manager for Advocacy at St. Anthony Foundation in the Tenderloin. I am writing in support of Fiona Hinze and Manny Yekutiel's nominations to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I have worked directly with Fiona through the Tenderloin Traffic Safety Task Force and have seen firsthand her vision and dedication to the community. As an active member she has shown commitment to the work necessary to assure we achieve Vision Zero in the Tenderloin and I am confident that her lived experience as someone with disabilities and her advocacy for the rights of seniors and people with disabilities will result in better transit policy and help us advance crucial change. I am confident that she would make an exceptional addition to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

As a citizen of San Francisco, I live in the Mission District and have gotten to know Manny over the years. The work that Manny has done to foster community and bring about positive inclusive space to the Mission District is simply beautiful. His work has helped transform the Valencia corridor into a vibrant bicycle and walking friendly area during the COVID crisis. He regularly brings community together to engage civically and he provides endless opportunities for conversation both politically and in the context of traffic safety. I feel safer walking and biking down Valencia and his leadership to help small businesses adapt and transform has been inspiring. His work to bring the slow streets program to Valencia Street, a corridor which overlaps with one of Vision Zero's high-injury streets, Valencia Street, per their 2017 network, has allowed all of us in the neighborhood a refuge to walk, bicycle and safely distance during extremely challenging times. Manny has shown leadership, engagement and a commitment to community that would make him an incredible addition to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

I appreciate your time and willingness to consider these two exceptional candidates.

In Community, Calder

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December 9, 2020

Board of Supervisors Rules Committee City Hall 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl San Francisco, CA 94102

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

Dear Chair Ronen and Supervisors,

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Particularly as a member of the Senior and Disability Workgroup of the Vision Zero Coalition, Fiona's expertise and solutions-focused approach have been instrumental in our cutting edge work on disability street safety issues. Her participation, feedback and insight into the working group's publication *Getting to the Curb: A Guide to Building Protected Bike Lanes That Work for Pedestrians*, has improved our city's ability to deliver bike infrastructure that make streets safe for both people biking and people walking, particularly seniors and people with disabilities.

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Sincerely,

Alex Madrid



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With appreciation,

Kendra Lorenz (Leingang), LMFT (she/her)

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