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December 14th, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94012

Re: Approval of SFMTA Board Nominee, Small Business Owner, Manny Yekutiel

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in regards to Mayor London Breed's nomination of Manny Yekutiel, founder and owner of Manny's Cafe on 16th and Valencia, to serve on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the businesses of all sizes that it represents strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the nomination of this qualified and historic nominee.

Small businesses and the communities they support are deeply impacted by the decisions made by the SFMTA Board. It is long overdue for the small business community to have a voice on this body, and Manny's real-world experience makes him an excellent choice. Manny Yekutiel is deeply committed to San Francisco's neighborhoods and is actively involved in bettering our city. He will bring a unique perspective to the SFMTA board as someone who understands how the slightest change can have nuanced but real impacts on the residents, merchants, and businesses that shape our neighborhoods.

Manny is well known for reaching out, listening, and building consensus. He is a creative and thoughtful thinker and problem solver who will undoubtedly bring a fresh perspective to the Board and effectively represent the needs of San Francisco small businesses and residents alike. Transit systems and infrastructure have resounding impacts on the communities they service. Manny's experience as a user, resident and business owner affords him a unique understanding of how decisions ripple through our community. Manny Yekutiel is a nominee who will ask the right questions, listen to stakeholders and help the SFMTA board better serve all San Franciscans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Rodney Fong
President & CEO
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed

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December 21st. 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 Yekutiel

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Carlos Solorzano and I am the CEO of the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce of San Francisco (HCCSF), the Board of Directors and myself are writing to present our strong support for Mr. Manny Yekutiel to be selected for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board.

We know Manny when he was starting his Business on 16th. Street and Valencia, we met many times to support his endeavors. As a member of the HCCSF he always has been eager to support small businesses through his location. Manny has demonstrated a strong connection to the community, specifically the small business community and this continue to grow everyday. 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. He has demonstrated over and over his leadership and capabilities to represent small businesses.

We are confident that as a community member, organizer, and small business owner Manny will do an excellent job representing all of the various communities who have a stake in what happens within SFMTA. He understands the needs of the community and that's exactly what we need on the board. He's a listener and a convener.

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We 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. It is for these aforementioned reasons; we the board of the HCCSF and myself urge you to support Manny's nomination to the SFMTA Board.

If you have any questions please, contact me at your convenience. Have a great and safe holidays all!

Sincerely yours;

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