



RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROSA CHEN AND SOPHIA TUPUOLA TO THE CITIZENS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Section 131265(d) of the California Public Utilities Code, as implemented by Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, requires the appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consisting of eleven members; and

WHEREAS, There are two vacancies on the CAC; and

WHEREAS, At its March 9, 2021 meeting, the Board reviewed and considered all applicants' qualifications and experience and recommended appointing Rosa Chen and Sophia Tupuola to serve on the CAC for a period of two years, with final approval to be considered at the March 23, 2021 Board meeting; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Rosa Chen and Sophia Tupuola to serve on the CAC of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority for a two-year term; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is authorized to communicate this information to all interested parties.



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 5

DATE: February 25, 2020
TO: Transportation Authority Board
FROM: Maria Lombardo - Chief Deputy Director
SUBJECT: 03/09/2021 Board Meeting: Appointment of Up to Two Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee

<p>RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p>Neither staff nor CAC members make recommendations regarding CAC appointments.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>There are two open seats on the CAC requiring Board action. The vacancies are a result of the term expiration at the end of March for Sophia Tupuola (District 10 representative) who is seeking reappointment, and a vacancy (District 3 representative) resulting from a former CAC member moving out of San Francisco, making them no longer eligible to serve. There are currently 28 applicants to consider for the open seats (Attachment 2).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project Oversight/Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: CAC Appointment
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BACKGROUND

The Transportation Authority has an eleven-member CAC and members serve two-year terms. Per the Transportation Authority's Administrative Code, the Board appoints individuals to fill open CAC seats. Neither staff nor the CAC make recommendations on CAC appointments, but we maintain a database of applications for CAC membership. Attachment 1 is a tabular summary of the current CAC composition, showing ethnicity, gender, neighborhood of residence, and affiliation. Attachment 2 provides similar information on current applicants, sorted by last name.

DISCUSSION

The selection of each member is approved at-large by the Board; however traditionally the Board has had a practice of ensuring that there is one resident of each supervisorial district on the CAC. Per Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code, the CAC:



“...shall include representatives from various segments of the community, such as public policy organizations, labor, business, senior citizens, the disabled, environmentalists, and the neighborhoods; and reflect broad transportation interests.”

An applicant must be a San Francisco resident to be considered eligible for appointment. Applicants are asked to provide residential location and areas of interest but provide ethnicity and gender information on a voluntary basis. CAC applications are distributed and accepted on a continuous basis. CAC applications were solicited through the Transportation Authority’s website, Commissioners’ offices, and email blasts to community-based organizations, advocacy groups, business organizations, as well as at public meetings attended by Transportation Authority staff or hosted by the Transportation Authority. Applications can be submitted through the Transportation Authority’s website at www.sfcta.org/cac.

All applicants have been advised that they need to appear in person before the Board in order to be appointed, unless they have previously appeared. If a candidate is unable to appear before the Board on the first appearance, they may appear at the following Board meeting in order to be eligible for appointment. An asterisk following the candidate’s name in Attachment 2 indicates that the applicant has not previously appeared before the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The requested action would not have an impact on the adopted Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget.

CAC POSITION

None. The CAC does not make recommendations on the appointment of CAC members.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 - Matrix of CAC Members
- Attachment 2 - Matrix of CAC Applicants
- Attachment 3 - CAC Applications

Attachment 1 (Updated 03.02.21)

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ¹

Name	Gender	Ethnicity	District	Neighborhood	Affiliation	First Appointed	Term Expiration
Sophia Tupuola	F	NH	10	Bayview Hunters Point	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	Mar 19	Mar 21
Danielle Thoe	F	C	6	Tenderloin	Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	Oct 19	Oct 21
Kevin Ortiz	M	H/L	9	Mission	Neighborhood, Public Policy	Dec 19	Dec 21
Stephanie Liu	F	A	5	Western Addition	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy	Dec 19	Dec 21
Peter Tannen	M	C	8	Inner Mission	Environmental, Neighborhood, Public Policy	Feb 08	Feb 22
John Larson, Chair	M	NP	7	Miraloma Park	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy	Mar 14	Mar 22
Nancy Buffum	F	C	4	Sunset	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	Sept 20	Sept 22
Robert Gower	M	C	11	Mission Terrace	Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	Oct 20	Oct 22
David Klein, Vice-Chair	M	C	1	Outer Richmond	Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizens	Oct 20	Oct 22
Jerry Levine	M	C	2	Cow Hollow	Business, Neighborhood, Public Policy	Nov 18	Nov 22

*A - Asian | AA - African American | AI - American Indian or Alaska Native | C - Caucasian | H/L - Hispanic or Latino | NH - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | NP - Not Provided (Voluntary Information)

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICANTS ¹

	Name	Gender	Ethnicity	District	Neighborhood	Affiliation/Interest
1	Philip Bailey*	M	C	5	Cole Valley	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
2	Rosa Chen*	F	NP	3	Chinatown	Business, Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
3	Sam Fielding*	M	NP	11	Merced Heights	Business, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
4	Harold Flowers*	NP	NP	9	Sunset District	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
5	Jane Ginsburg*	F	C	5	Lower Haight/Duboce Park	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
6	Jack Harman*	NP	NP	6	Rincon Hill	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
7	Calvin Ho*	M	A	4	Outer Sunset/Parkside	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
8	Amanda Jimenez*	F	H/L	4	Outer Sunset	Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
9	David Klein	M	C	1	Outer Richmond	Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizens
10	Robin Kutner*	F	NP	8	Buena Vista	Environment, Neighborhood
11	Matthew Laroche*	M	C	4	Outer Sunset	NP
12	Trey Matkin*	M	C	5	Hayes Valley	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy
13	Kary McElroy*	F	C	5	Alamo Square	Business, Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
14	Marlo McGriff*	M	AA	8	Mission/Dolores	Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
15	Tyler Morris*	M	C	9	Bernal Heights	Business, Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
16	Edward Parillon*	M	AA	8	Mission	Business, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy
17	John Powell*	M	H/L	1	Outer Richmond	Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen

*Applicant has not appeared before the Board

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Attachment 2 (Updated 03.02.21)

	Name	Gender	Ethnicity	District	Neighborhood	Affiliation/Interest
18	Sarah Rogers*	F	C	9	Bernal Heights	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
19	Adrienne Steichen*	F	C	5	Lower Haight	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
20	Emily Sun*	F	NP	5	Hayes Valley	Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
21	Eric Tucker*	M	C	10	Visitacion Valley	Business, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
22	Sophia Tupuola	F	NH	10	Bayview/Hunter's Point	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
23	Tony Wessling*	M	C	3	North Beach/Russian Hill	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen
24	Peter Wilson*	M	C	5	Alamo Square	Environment, Labor, Neighborhood
25	Brian Wong*	NP	NP	5	Divisadero/NOPA	Business, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
26	Stephen Woods*	M	C	4	Sunset	Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy
27	David Young*	NP	NP	6	SOMA	Business, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy
28	Bozhao Yu	M	A	1	Lone Mountain	Business, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy

*Applicant has not appeared before the Board

Attachment 3
Citizens Advisory Committee
APPLICANTS for Districts 3 and 10
Updated 03.02.21

*Applicant has not appeared before the Board.

No.	Name	District	Neighborhood	Affiliation/Interest	Page
1	Rosa Chen*	3	Chinatown	Business, Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	2
2	Tony Wessling*	3	North Beach/Russian Hill	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	4
3	Eric Tucker*	10	Visitation Valley	Business, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy	6
4	Sophia Tupuola	10	Bayview - Hunters Point	Business, Disabled, Environment, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior Citizen	8



Home Address Confidential	X
Home Phone Confidential	X
Home Email Confidential	X

San Francisco County Transportation Authority Application for Membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee

Rosa	Chen	Female	n/a
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GENDER (OPTIONAL)	ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)
3	Chinatown	REDACTED	REDACTED
HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	HOME PHONE	HOME EMAIL
REDACTED	San Francisco	California	94133
STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	CITY	STATE	ZIP
3			
WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE	WORK PHONE	WORK EMAIL
STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Statement of qualifications:

I have lived in Chinatown for all 26 years of my life and has been an avid public transportation rider. I have numerous years of experience working with low income neighborhoods on transit issues. Since high school, I have advocated and worked on many transportation issues such as Free Muni for Youth, Free Muni for Seniors and People with disability and pedestrian safety.

I am currently a community organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center and work together with Chinatown Transportation Research Improvement Project (TRIP) on all transportation issues that affect Chinatown. I have been working with TRIP on transportation advocacy in D3 for over 6 years and have worked with SFCTA staff on many issues that affect Chinatown such as congestion pricing as well as the Portsmouth Square NTIP plan.

Statement of objectives:

My goal and objective if appointed is ensuring that low-income community voices are being heard and that adequate outreach has been done before moving forward on plans. On top of that, I want to advocate for my community for transit issues as many folks in D3 are public transit dependent.

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

X	Business
X	Disabled
X	Environment
	Labor
X	Neighborhood
X	Public Policy
X	Senior Citizen

Can you commit to attending regular meetings (about once a month for the Transportation Authority CAC, or once every two to three months for project CACs):

By entering your name and date below, and submitting this form, you certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Rosa Chen

2/25/2021

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE



Home Address Confidential	X
Home Phone Confidential	X
Home Email Confidential	X

San Francisco County Transportation Authority Application for Membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee

Tony	Wessling	Male	Caucasian
<small>FIRST NAME</small>	<small>LAST NAME</small>	<small>GENDER (OPTIONAL)</small>	<small>ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)</small>
3	North Beach/Russian Hill	REDACTED	REDACTED
<small>HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</small>	<small>NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE</small>	<small>HOME PHONE</small>	<small>HOME EMAIL</small>
REDACTED	San Francisco	CA	94133
<small>STREET ADDRESS OF HOME</small>	<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ZIP</small>
6	SoMa	REDACTED	REDACTED
<small>WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</small>	<small>NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE</small>	<small>WORK PHONE</small>	<small>WORK EMAIL</small>
REDACTED	San Francisco	CA	94107
<small>STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE</small>	<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ZIP</small>

Statement of qualifications:

I am a Member of the Board, and the current chair of the North Beach Neighbors Complete Streets Committee, where we have successfully advocated for improved infrastructure and facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and those people for whom being a motorist is their only option. In that role I've worked with my fellow residents, the SFMTA, and our Supervisor's office to bring about wider sidewalks and bulbouts, add bike lanes and BikeShare stations, improve parking garage wayfinding signage, and interfaced with the Captains of SFPD Central Station over the years to enact traffic-calming tactics, e.g. radar speed signs by our parks and the library.

I am also a Member of the Board of SFNextStop.org, a multidisciplinary transit advocacy group that is helping facilitate the extension of the Central Subway into North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf, and beyond.

I am a longtime member of the SF Bicycle Coalition, and have conducted "Bike,Walk & Roll to School" Days for my children's nearby public elementary schools. I am also a past member of SPUR.

In my day job I am a marketing communications professional for Chromium.Group (formerly The Wessling Group), and in that capacity have worked with many City departments and Agencies including the SF Department of the Environment, MOEWD, SFDPW, SFPUC, and the Port of San Francisco. My firm has also done marketing communications work on behalf of transportation-oriented non-profits such as Livable City and the California Bicycle Coalition.

Statement of objectives:

I want to work with my fellow Advisory Board Members to make San Francisco a national model for "urban livability," which includes walkability and accessibility; fast, efficient, and equitable public transportation; continued advancement of bicycling; and smart policies that inform and incentivize would-be motorists to leave their cars at the City gates and enjoy our peaceful, vibrant neighborhoods with their eclectic, local businesses "by transit, foot, and bicycle instead."

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

X	Business
X	Disabled
X	Environment
X	Labor
X	Neighborhood
X	Public Policy
X	Senior Citizen

Can you commit to attending regular meetings (about once a month for the Transportation Authority CAC, or once every two to three months for project CACs): Yes

By entering your name and date below, and submitting this form, you certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Tony Wessling

2/25/2021

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE



San Francisco County Transportation Authority Application for Membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee

Eric	Tucker	Male	Caucasian
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GENDER (OPTIONAL)	ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)
10	Visitation Valley	REDACTED	etucker415@gmail.com
HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	HOME PHONE	HOME EMAIL
REDACTED	San Francisco	CA	94134
STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	CITY	STATE	ZIP
		REDACTED	epicentersound@yahoo.com
WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE	WORK PHONE	WORK EMAIL
1360 Sir Francis Drake Blvd		CA	94960
STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Statement of qualifications:

I am passionate about improving transit and biking access in San Francisco to reduce car use, I hold a masters in urban planning from San Jose State University. Resume as follows:

EDUCATION

San José State University

- Master in Urban and Regional Planning (MUP), awarded May 2016
- Advanced certificate in Transportation and Land Use Planning

Sonoma State University

- B.A. in Environmental Studies and Planning, awarded May 2013
- Concentration in City Planning
- Awarded Environmental Studies and Planning Graduate with Distinction and Sonoma State University Cum Laude Honors College of Marin
- A.A. in Natural Sciences, awarded May 2011

EMPLOYMENT

Arup, San Francisco, CA September 2016-July 2017

Assistant Transportation Planner

Project support for BART station area planning, Researching station upgrades to encourage non-car access. Seminar planning support, document preparation in in-design, day of event set-up and facilitation

City of Oakland, Transportation Planning and Funding Division, Oakland, CA August 2015-Present

Bicycle Facility Planning Trainee

Planning and producing GIS mapping, setting up database management for the City of Oakland bicycle lane, wayfinding, and parking supply network

TransitScreen, San Francisco, CA June 2015-November 2015

Data Analyst

Analyzing data, mapping transportation and urban datasets while utilizing CartoDB web-mapping interface and ESRI ArcGIS

Statement of objectives:

Two years ago I moved from Hayes Valley to Visitation Valley. This move outside of the core of the city exposed me to the issues facing Muni service and barriers to biking. I frequently ride the Muni 8,9, and 9R into downtown. Service gaps, overcrowding, and buses stuck behind traffic make the trip lengthy and unreliable. Implementing plans and funding for rail, bus, and biking connections in D10 to improve access to downtown would be my main objective if appointed.

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Business
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environment

	Labor
X	Neighborhood
X	Public Policy
	Senior Citizen

Can you commit to attending regular meetings (about once a month for the Transportation Authority CAC, or once every two to three months for project CACs): Yes

By entering your name and date below, and submitting this form, you certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Eric Tucker

2/27/2019

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE



San Francisco County Transportation Authority
Application for Membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee

Sophia	Tupuola	Female	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GENDER (OPTIONAL)	ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)
10	Bayview - Hunters Point	REDACTED	REDACTED
HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	HOME PHONE	HOME EMAIL
REDACTED	San Francisco	CA	94124
STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	CITY	STATE	ZIP
10	Bayview - Hunters Point	REDACTED	REDACTED
WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE	WORK PHONE	WORK EMAIL
	San Francisco	CA	
STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Statement of qualifications:

This space that I stand in today is nothing short of a gracious happenstance and a communal act of Resilience. I am the product of a collective whisper, a silent but prevailing injustice, one that followed us along the graffiti stained walls, words and colors echoing our deepest desires to be a part of society, lingering among us as waste, that became captured in every open and recreational space, paving the sidewalks and filling our sandboxes - we are the forgotten, the marginalized, the less valuable of our population. And because of our "otherness" I am.

I am a first generation American Samoan, born and raised in San Francisco and a lifelong Bayview Resident. I've navigated the toxic repercussions of our spatial sequestration from the rest of the moving world and encumbered the tragic realities of premature death, food, employment and housing insecurity.

In Summer of 2016, partnering with then D10 Supervisor, Malia Cohen and then President of the Board, D5 Supervisor London Breed, we mobilized our summer group of Resilient Youth in our RYLA program to lobby other supervisors in support of charter amendments that would put the Department of Police Accountability on the November ballot that later went on to pass tremendously.

Our longstanding partnership with CA Senator, Scott Wiener and CA Assemblyman, David Chiu, I've had the privilege of working on campaigns that educated and implored vulnerable populations to participate civically in the general elections but also in the less notable ADEM races, registering over 2,000 voters in 2018 for the special election that June.

I am capaciously seasoned in the art of bridging communities and integrating the overlap of underprivileged populations by finding the commonalities and delicately constructing the moving narrative to bear an umbrella, capturing all, for coalition and upward social mobilization.

Skills

- Creative, positive, passionate and hardworking
- Possess excellent written, verbal and communication skills
- Strength in analyzing, researching, organizing and problem solving

Professional Experience

San Francisco County Transportation Authority - Citizens Advisory Committee

District 10 Committee Member San Francisco, CA 03/2019 - Present

UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative

Community Advisory Board Member Bay Area, CA 10/2020 - 2022

Expecting Justice / Abundant Birth Project

Steering Committee San Francisco, CA 07/2020 - Present

India Basin Shoreline Equity Development Planning, Leadership Committee

Committee Member San Francisco, CA 10/2019 - Present

A. Philip Randolph Institute San Francisco

Youth / Outreach Consultant San Francisco, CA (6/2015 - Present)

- Curate Census outreach material with District 10 youth garnering participation from communities of color
- Lobbied alongside local officials for the implementation of the Dept of Police Accountability
- Cultivated campaigns of awareness to combat the effects of climate change on vulnerable populations.
- Mobilized residents of Bayview to steer policy for the advancement of disenfranchised and dispossessed populations in San Francisco
- Aided in the organizational efforts towards Getting Out the Vote, registering 2k new voters in marginalized populations in San Francisco
- Maintain working relationships with aids of City and State Elected Officials, City Agencies, Community Service Providers, SFUSD faculty, Small Business Owners and Bayview Residents to improve coalition in community
- Mentor and aid youth in professional and personal development
- Develop and Co-facilitate curriculum for an 8 week paid summer internship program for youth, RYLA

Hanson Bridgett, LLP, San Francisco

Marketing Assistant San Francisco, CA (1/2010 - 6/2015)

- Created and maintained practice and industry specific mailing lists
- Managed and sent mailings in Campaign Monitor.
- Generated reports for users to view/modify mailing lists and to track click through and unsubscribe rates
- Trained new employees, including importing contacts and account management.
- Assisted support staff and attorneys with questions or issues regarding InterAction.

Statement of objectives:

As we expect two thirds of the world's population to live in cities by 2050, it is our ethical obligation to develop an apparatus that captures the gravity of ecological sustainability and cultural competency in every phase of urban development. My objectives for this seat would be to mobilize my existing partnerships in the D10 precincts, providing valuable insight from community and bridging the gap between SFTA and D10 seniors, youth and residents. My hopes are to stand in a space that would bring value to the people who live at the margins of society yet utilize their shared space together to be innovative, creative, artistic, resourceful, ingeniously clever and inventive, qualities that enhance the shared and prevalent culture of American life.

Please select all categories of affiliation or interest that apply to you:

X	Business
X	Disabled
X	Environment
X	Labor
X	Neighborhood
X	Public Policy
X	Senior Citizen

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Sophia Tupuola

02/25/2021

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE