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Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Jean Barish <jeanbbarish@hotmail.com>
To: Transportation Authority <clerk@sfcta.org>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 9:35 PM

Correction!!!

I just sent you the email below, but it was incorrectly addressed to President Mandelbaum!

Please accept my apologies and replace that letter with the corrected version, below.

Thank you,

Jean

Jean B Barish
jeanbbarish@hotmail.com

Stay safe and be well

From: Jean Barish <jeanbbarish@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 9:29 PM
To: Transportation Authority <clerk@sfcta.org>
Subject: Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Dear President Mandelman and SFCTA Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to support the nomination of Sean Kim to the District 1 seat of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (SFCTA CAC).

As a D1 resident, I am familiar with Sean's work, and believe he is uniquely qualified to serve on the SFCTA CAC. With his wife Alice, he runs the beloved Joe's Ice Cream on Geary Boulevard, a legacy business in the Richmond District. In addition, he is one of the leaders of the Geary Boulevard Merchants Association, and has worked closely with the Association members to organize and represent the interests of our local merchants and community members on important Richmond District issues.

Sean is also a first-generation immigrant who relies on Muni to get his kids to school and throughout the city. He understands the unique needs that all Richmond District residents have to get around the neighborhood as well as the rest of San Francisco.

Finally, Sean is a team player who works collaboratively and cooperatively with people. He is a good listener with excellent judgement and outstanding decision-making ability.

Sean Kim will be a tremendous asset to the SFCTA CAC. Please vote to approve his appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Elijah Saunders <elijah.saunders@sfcta.org>

A D1 resident against the nomination of Sean Kim to the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee

Christa Hartsock <christa.hartsock@gmail.com>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 7:17 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org, connie.chan@sfgov.org

Dear SFCTA Transportation Authority Board and Supervisor Chan,

I am submitting this email as public comment for the May 9, 2023 Transportation Authority Board meeting, to express my concern about Supervisor Chan's nomination of Sean Kim to the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee as a resident of the Inner Richmond / D1.

The first reason is what I imagine you've already heard from others, regarding the recent community meeting, recounted here:

As per the SFCTA's Administrative Code, members of the CAC should reflect "community values in the development of the mission and program of the Transportation Authority, and channel that mission and program back to the community." Sean Kim's behavior does not rise to this standard in several ways. The most recent example is a meeting that took place on May 4, hosted by Sean Kim at his business, Joe's Ice Cream.

The meeting, organized by Kim together with David Heller (Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners Association) and Supervisor Chan, included around 20-30 Geary business owners and other community members from D1 and other districts. Chair Eaken was invited for a "Merchant Walk" but, upon her arrival, Mr. Kim announced that the agenda had changed, and that what the assembled group really wanted were answers about the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project.

For over an hour, Sean Kim and others in this group hotly peppered Chair Eaken with questions about the Geary Quick Build, and pressed her to agree, on the spot, to not agendize the Geary Quick-Build project at an SFMTA Board meeting. Chair Eaken was surrounded in a confined space and had her ability to respond to other speakers limited by frequent interruptions. At one point, an ultimatum was issued to Chair Eaken that, if she did not immediately agree to delay the MTAB's discussion of the Geary Quick-Build to an unspecified future time, political support for her future reappointment on the SFMTA Board would be withdrawn.

Sean Kim's organizing role in this uncivil attempt to coerce a public servant, on a matter he considers crucial to his personal financial interests, suggests that his interest in the SFCTA CAC is not motivated by a desire to support San Francisco's transportation needs as a whole. It also suggests that he is uninterested in taking on the other responsibility of the CAC, to communicate about the agency's projects back to the community.

The second reason, which overlaps, is that the values and priorities of CAC members should be consistent with the mission and purpose of the SFCTA. That includes San Francisco being a transit-first city: A city that prioritizes sustainable transportation, a city that values an efficient and fast transit system, and a city that welcomes many forms of mobility beyond personal vehicles.

I value my family and neighbors in the Richmond district, and I value our legacy businesses—both in all of their diversity. I believe neither are served by prioritizing personal cars over accessible, affordable, fast, and reliable transit, particularly in the face of climate change and the spate of recent traffic-related fatalities in the Western neighborhoods. The Richmond needs an advisory member who will prioritize equitable and sustainable transit to meet the transit first, vision zero, and climate action policies the community and our representatives voted for. If the concern is a lack of bus service (as mentioned in [his recent oped](#)), a transit-first representative would advocate for full restoration and reduced fares full stop—and not against making the bus service we have quicker and more efficient until it happens.

I urge Supervisor Chan to withdraw this nomination.

Thank you,
Christa Hartsock



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concern about Supervisor Chan's nomination of Sean Kim to the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee

Andrew Casteel <casteel@gmail.com>
To: Connie.Chan@sfgov.org, clerk@sfcta.org

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 9:14 PM

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I urge Supervisor Chan to withdraw this nomination.

Thank you.



Elijah Saunders <elijah.saunders@sfcta.org>

Please Do Not Support Sean Kim's CAC Nomination

Akshara M <akshara.reddi@gmail.com>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 5:23 PM

To: clerk@sfcta.org

Cc: connie.chan@sfgov.org

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Thank you.



May 8, 2023

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Dear SFCTA Commissioners:

On behalf of the San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club (SFLDC), we support the nomination of Sean Kim to the District 1 seat of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (SFCTA CAC).

The goals and objectives of the SFLDC are to promoting and empower the Latinx community in areas of immigration and social justice issues, such as economic development for Latinx jobs and businesses. We strive to be at the forefront of quality-of-life issues concerning violence prevention, youth development, health, transportation, and education. In addition, we also focus on supporting candidates who will advocate and promote issues and legislation that further the Latino community's agenda. Mr. Kim has embodied solidarity with the Latino community.

Mr. Kim is a small business owner, who runs the much beloved Joe's Ice Cream with his wife, Alice. As one of the leaders of the Geary Merchants Association, he has worked closely with the Association members to better organize and represent the interest of local merchants and community members on Geary Blvd.

Sean will also bring his perspective as a first-generation immigrant who relies on Muni to get his kids to school and throughout the city. He understands the unique accommodations Richmond District families and seniors need to get around the neighborhood and San Francisco as a whole.

Please vote to approve Sean Kim's appointment to the SFCTA CAC.

Sincerely,

The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club

*Financial Disclosures are available at sfethics.org
San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club FPPC ID 1342652*



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Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Queenena Chen <queenachensf@gmail.com>
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 9:17 AM

Dear SFCTA Commissioners,

My name is Queenena Chen, I'm one of the co-chairs for Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project*, and I live in the Richmond with my 2 daughters and husband.

I support the nomination of Sean Kim to the District 1 seat of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (SFCTA CAC). Sean is a small business owner, who runs the much beloved Joe's Ice Cream with his wife, Alice. As one of the leaders of the Geary Merchants Association, he has worked closely with the Association members to better organize and represent the interest of our local merchants and community members on Geary Blvd.

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Please vote to approve Sean Kim's appointment to the SFCTA CAC.

Sincerely,
Queenena Chen

*For identification purposes only

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Queenena Chen



Elijah Saunders <elijah.saunders@sfcta.org>

Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Jimmy Kim <hello@sonamusf.com>
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 9:31 AM

SFCTA Commissioners:

I support the nomination of Sean Kim to the District 1 seat of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (SFCTA CAC). Sean is a small business owner, who runs the much beloved Joe's Ice Cream with his wife, Alice. As one of the leaders of the Geary Merchants Association, he has worked closely with the Association members to better organize and represent the interest of our local merchants and community members on Geary Blvd.

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Please vote to approve Sean Kim's appointment to the SFCTA CAC.

-jimmy Kim

Sent from my iPhone



Elijah Saunders <elijah.saunders@sfcta.org>

Subject: Support Sean Kim for SFCTA CAC

Berit Pedersen <beritpedersen@gmail.com>
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SFCTA Commissioners:

I support the nomination of Sean Kim to the District 1 seat of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (SFCTA CAC). Sean is a small business owner, who runs the much beloved Joe's Ice Cream with his wife, Alice. As one of the leaders of the Geary Merchants Association, he has worked closely with the Association members to better organize and represent the interest of our local merchants and community members on Geary Blvd.

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Please vote to approve Sean Kim's appointment to the SFCTA CAC.

Berit Pedersen
D1 longtime resident