



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 4

DATE: October 10, 2023

TO: Transportation Authority Board

FROM: Maria Lombardo – Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: 10/17/2023 Board Meeting: Appoint Austin Milford-Rosales as the District 6 Representative to the Community Advisory Committee

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| RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action | |
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Per Section 5.2(a) of the Administrative Code, each Commissioner shall nominate one member to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Neither staff nor CAC members make recommendations regarding CAC appointments.

SUMMARY

There is one open seat on the 11-member CAC for the District 6 representative. Commissioner Dorsey has indicated his intent to nominate Austin Milford-Rosales to fill the District 6 vacancy. CAC members serve for a 2-year term. The current roster of CAC members is included in Attachment 1. The application for the District 6 candidate is included in Attachment 2.

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| <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

As described in the Transportation Authority's Administrative Code, the CAC shall provide input to the Transportation Authority in:

1. Defining the mission of the Transportation Authority;
2. Reflecting community values in the development of the mission and program of the Transportation Authority, and channeling that mission and program back to the community;
3. Defining criteria and priorities for implementing the Expenditure Plan programs consistent with the intention of the half-cent sales tax funding purposes; and



4. Monitoring the Transportation Authority's programs and evaluating the sponsoring agencies' productivity and effectiveness.

DISCUSSION

The Board appoints eleven members to the CAC and each Commissioner nominates one member to the committee.

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, seniors, people with disabilities, environmentalists, and neighborhoods, and reflect broad transportation interests. The committee is also intended to reflect the racial and gender diversity of San Francisco residents."

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 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The requested action would not have an impact on the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget.

CAC POSITION

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

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 - CAC Roster
- Attachment 2 - CAC Application (Mr. Austin Milford-Rosales)
- Attachment 3 - Resolution

Attachment 1

Updated 10.11.23

Community Advisory Committee Members

| NAME | GENDER | ETHNICITY* | DISTRICT | NEIGHBORHOOD | AFFILIATION / INTEREST | FIRST APPOINTED | TERM EXPIRATION |
|------------------------|--------|------------|----------|------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Vacant | | | 6 | | | | |
| Kevin Ortiz, Chair | M | H/L | 9 | Mission | Neighborhood, Public Policy | Dec 2019 | Jan 2024 |
| Kat Siegal, Vice Chair | F | C | 5 | NP | NP | Feb 2022 | Feb 2024 |
| Sara Barz | F | C | 7 | Sunnyside | Business; Environment; Social and Racial Justice; Neighborhood; Public Policy | July 2022 | July 2024 |
| Najuawanda Daniels | F | AA | 10 | Hunters Point | Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy | Sept 2022 | Sept 2024 |
| Rachael Ortega | F | C | 8 | NP | Business, Environment, Social and racial justice; Neighborhood, Public Policy | Oct 2022 | Oct 2024 |
| Jerry Levine | M | C | 2 | Cow Hollow | Business, Neighborhood, Public Policy | Nov 2018 | Nov 2024 |
| Mariko Davidson | F | NP | 11 | Ingleside | Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy | February 2023 | Feb 2025 |
| Rosa Chen | F | A | 3 | Chinatown | Business, Disabled, Environment, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Seniors | Mar 2021 | April 2025 |
| Sean Kim | M | A | 1 | Central Richmond | Business, Disabled, Environment, Social and Racial Justice, Labor, Neighborhood, Public Policy, Senior | May 2023 | May 2025 |
| Phoebe Ford | F | C | 4 | Sunset | Business; Environment; Neighborhood | Sept 2023 | Sept 2025 |

*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 | ME – Middle Eastern | NP – Not Provided (Voluntary Information)



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

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| Austin | Milford-Rosales | Male | |
| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | GENDER (OPTIONAL) | |
| Caucasian, European, or White | Yes | | |
| ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL) | IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL) | | |
| District 6 | Mission Bay/SOMA | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT | NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE | HOME PHONE | HOME EMAIL |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| STREET ADDRESS OF HOME | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT | NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE | WORK PHONE | WORK EMAIL |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE CITY | STATE | ZIP | |

Statement of qualifications:

My qualifications for this position are based on my use of transit and biking infrastructure and undergraduate coursework. I have lived near Fourth and King for two years, and do not own a car. As a result, I travel all over the city using a mixture of public transit and my bike. Since my part of town is blessed with multiple transit connections to a lot of destinations, in addition to solid bike infrastructure, I have taken different bus lines, the muni metro, and my bike to almost every place I frequent. I am very used to comparing tradeoffs between both agencies (BART vs SFMTA) and transit modes, and the time I spend on bike and on foot allows me to see and experience my neighborhood and the greater city, specifically with regards to transit infrastructure, to a greater degree than someone who exclusively drives. In addition, I completed a major in engineering and public policy as part of my undergraduate degree. Many of my courses required extensive reading of government and academic papers, and would often require us to make unofficial recommendations and even one public comment to a federal agency. Of particular note, one class involved a project where we analyzed both resurfacing and targeted pothole and crack filling for a road near our campus. Although my focus was not on civil engineering, I believe my familiarity with both analysis and decision making methods will be useful in the context of a non-professional community advisory committee.

Statement of objectives:

If appointed, I hope to help support allocating funds towards programs that expand on vision zero and climate goals for the city. Vehicle caused fatalities have trended in the wrong direction since the adoption of the vision zero policy through 2022, and just last month, there was a traffic fatality outside my apartment building. I appreciated Supervisor Dorsey's near-instant support for a quick build project to improve the safety of the intersection at 4th and King, and would like to help with the longer project of

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improving safety at similar intersections with multiple turn lanes as well as supporting broader initiatives that help meet vision zero goals. In addition, I plan on supporting projects that help move the city towards lowering transportation emissions. We are in a climate crisis, and projects that improve the quality of pedestrian, cycling, and public transit infrastructure will help induce more demand for those modes, lowering the number of gasoline car trips taken in the city.

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

Environment;Public Policy

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.

Austin Milford-Rosales 10/11/2023

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE



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Authority**

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-XX

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUSTIN MILFORD-ROSALES AS THE DISTRICT 6
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY 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 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) consisting of eleven members; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a vacancy on the CAC for a District 6 representative; and

WHEREAS, At its October 17, 2023 meeting, Commissioner Dorsey nominated Austin Milford-Rosales as the District 6 CAC representative and Austin Milford-Rosales spoke to their interest and qualifications for serving on the CAC; and

WHEREAS, The Board reviewed and considered the applicant's qualifications and experience; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Austin Milford-Rosales as the District 6 representative 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.