



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 4

DATE: February 7, 2024
TO: Transportation Authority Board
FROM: Maria Lombardo - Chief Deputy Director
SUBJECT: 2/13/2024 Board Meeting: Appoint Kat Siegal and Venecia Margarita as the District 5 and District 9 Representatives, Respectively, to the Community Advisory Committee

<p>RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>There are two open seats on the 11-member CAC for the District 5 and District 9 as the result of the term expirations for those seats. Commissioner Preston has indicated his intent to renominate Kat Siegal to the District 5 seat and Commissioner Ronen has indicated her intent to nominate Venecia Margarita for the District 9 seat. CAC members serve for a 2-year term. There are no term limits. The current roster of CAC members is included in Attachment 1. The applications for the two CAC candidates are included in 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

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 11 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, and at public meetings attended or hosted by the Transportation Authority. Applications can be submitted through the Transportation Authority's website at 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.

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 Applications
- Attachment 3 - Resolution



Attachment 1

Updated 01.25.2024

Community Advisory Committee Members

NAME	GENDER	ETHNICITY*	DISTRICT	NEIGHBORHOOD	AFFILIATION / INTEREST	FIRST APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRATION
Vacant			9				
Kat Siegal, Chair	F	C	5	Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury	Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice ;Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior	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
Austin Milford-Rosales	M	C	6	Mission Bay/SOMA	Environment; Public Policy	Oct 2023	Oct 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)

Attachment 2



**San Francisco
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San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

Margarita	Venecia	Female	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GENDER (OPTIONAL)	
ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)		Yes	
IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)			
District 9	Portola	[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:

As a long time resident of San Francisco, it would be a humble honor to serve as an Advisory Committee Member for the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. I have been involved in the community serving as a social worker, community organizer, counselor, and volunteer in different capacities to assist in uplifting the voices of people that are marginalized including low-income, people of color, youth, undocumented immigrants, children and youth in foster care, LGBTQ community, and people with illness and disabilities. The needs of all people of the city and county of San Francisco need to be heard. I will do my best to show up ethically, humbly, and responsibly to represent the people of San Francisco. Thank you for your time and the opportunity.

Statement of objectives:

If appointed, my objective will be to ensure that marginalized communities voices are heard loud and clear. Representation matters. I am here to ensure that those voices are represented and heard. I will be humble in my delivery and I will utilize all of my cultural competency skills to ensure that I am respectful and ethical in my delivery. My values and ethics are firmly grounded and I will show up with the best version of myself during my term as an Advisory Committee Member for County Transportation Board.

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

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

Business; Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Youth, undocumented communities

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.

Venecia Margarita **1/17/2024**

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE



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

Kat FIRST NAME	Siegal LAST NAME	Female GENDER (OPTIONAL)	
Caucasian, European, or White ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)		No IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)	
District 5 HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury [redacted] NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE	[redacted] HOME PHONE	[redacted] HOME EMAIL
[redacted] STREET ADDRESS OF HOME	[redacted] CITY	[redacted] STATE	[redacted] ZIP
[redacted] WORK SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	[redacted] NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORKPLACE	[redacted] WORK PHONE	[redacted] WORK EMAIL
[redacted] STREET ADDRESS OF WORKPLACE	[redacted] CITY	[redacted] STATE	[redacted] ZIP

Statement of qualifications:

I am a district 5 resident and daily Muni rider. I walk, bike, and use public transit for my transportation. I follow local transportation policy closely. I am particularly concerned with increasing public transit service, coverage, accessibility, and affordability; creating a broader and more robust network of bike infrastructure; and improving pedestrian safety and access. I am on the board of Market Street Railway, a nonprofit working to preserve San Francisco's unique transit history. I am also an active member and volunteer with the San Francisco Transit Riders, a public transit advocacy group. Professionally I am a software engineer, and I try to use my technical skills to make information about transit more accessible to the public. Past projects of mine have included muniroutes.com, an interactive guide to 2020 Muni route suspensions and demographics of the affected ridership; transitrecovery.com, which tracks post-pandemic transit service and ridership levels for agencies across the country; and streetcar.live, which provides realtime location information and vehicle history for Muni's historic streetcar fleet.

Statement of objectives:

If appointed my objective will be to advocate for investments in sustainable, safe transportation modes accessible to all San Franciscans and street infrastructure that prioritizes transit riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. I will favor projects that will help the city eliminate traffic violence, promote climate-friendly transportation options, reduce private auto dependence, and improve mobility and access for all residents. I will center transit equity and mobility justice in all of my recommendations. I will aim to represent the specific transportation needs of the district 5 community, particularly our most vulnerable road users, and to help inform residents about CTA initiatives that will impact them.

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

Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice ;Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy;
Senior

**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.

Kat Siegal

2/1/2024

NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE

Attachment 3



**San Francisco
County Transportation
Authority**

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-XX

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAT SIEGAL AS THE DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE AND VENECIA MARGARITA AS THE DISTRICT 9 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 11 members; and

WHEREAS, There is currently on the CAC a vacancy for a District 9 representative and a February 2024 term expiration for the District 5 representative; and

WHEREAS, At its February 13, 2024, meeting, Commissioner Preston nominated Kat Siegal as the District 5 CAC representative, and Commissioner Ronen nominated Venecia Margarita as the District 9 CAC representative; and

WHEREAS, Both candidates spoke to their interest and qualifications for serving on the CAC at either the February 13, 2024, or February 27, 2024, Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Board reviewed and considered the applicants' qualifications and experience and recommended appointing both Kat Siegal and Venecia Margarita to serve on the CAC for a period of two years; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Kat Siegal as the District 5 representative and Venecia Margarita as the District 9 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.