



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 4

DATE: April 1, 2026
TO: Transportation Authority Board
FROM: Maria Lombardo - Chief Deputy Director
SUBJECT: 04/14/26 Board Meeting: Appoint Clara Baumgarten as the District 3 Representative to the Community Advisory Committee

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| <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 is an open seat on the 11-member CAC for District 3 as the result of the prior representative resigning from the CAC. Vice Chair Sauter has indicated his intent to nominate Clara Baumgarten to the District 3 seat and the Administrative Code requires Clara Baumgarten to appear before the Board to speak to her interests and qualifications for serving on the CAC. Members serve for a two-year term. There are no term limits. The current roster of CAC members is included in Attachment 1. The application for the CAC candidate is 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 accepted on a continuous basis and can be submitted through the Transportation Authority's website at sfcta.org/cac.

All applicants are advised that they need to appear in person before the Board in order to be appointed. 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. Applicants who were previously CAC members, but whose membership was terminated due to missing four of the last 12 regularly scheduled meetings must appear before the Board to be reappointed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The requested action would not have an impact on the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 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
- Attachment 3 - Resolution

ATTACHMENT 1

Community Advisory Committee Members

| Name | Gender | Ethnicity* | District | Neighborhood | Affiliation / Interest | First Appointed | Term Expiration |
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| VACANT | | | 3 | | | | |
| VACANT | | | 11 | | | | |
| Sara Barz | F | C | 7 | Sunnyside | Business; Environment; Social and racial justice; Neighborhood; Public Policy | July 2022 | July 2026 |
| Rachael Ortega | F | C | 8 | NP | Business; Environment; Social and racial justice; Neighborhood; Public Policy | October 2022 | October 2026 |
| Jerry Levine | M | C | 2 | Cow Hollow | Business; Neighborhood; Public policy | November 2018 | February 2027 |
| Sean Kim | M | A | 1 | Central Richmond | Business; Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior | May 2023 | May 2027 |
| Phoebe Ford | F | C | 4 | Central Sunset | Business; Environment; Neighborhood | September 2023 | September 2027 |
| Austin Milford-Rosales | M | C | 6 | Mission Bay/SOMA | Environment; Public Policy | October 2023 | October 2027 |
| Najuawanda Daniels | F | AA | 10 | NP | Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy | September 2022 | October 2027 |
| Kat Siegal | F | C | 5 | Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury | Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice ; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Other | February 2022 | March 2028 |
| Margarita Venecia | F | H/L | 9 | Portola | Business; Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice; Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Youth, undocumented communities | February 2024 | March 2028 |

*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)



San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

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| Clara <small>FIRST NAME</small> | Baumgarten <small>LAST NAME</small> | Female <small>GENDER (OPTIONAL)</small> | |
| Caucasian, European, or White <small>ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)</small> | | No <small>IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)</small> | |
| District 3 <small>HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</small> | Russian Hill <small>NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE</small> | [redacted] <small>HOME PHONE</small> | [redacted] <small>HOME EMAIL</small> |
| [redacted] <small>STREET ADDRESS OF HOME</small> | [redacted] <small>CITY</small> | [redacted] <small>STATE</small> | [redacted] <small>ZIP</small> |

Statement of qualifications:

I am a District 3 resident and daily public transit rider seeking to bring my community roots, professional background, and civic commitment to the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee.

Having lived in San Francisco since 2019, first in North Beach and now in Russian Hill, District 3 is genuinely home to me. I've built real connections here through neighborhood associations, monthly cleanups, and years of showing up for local events and town halls. I know this district not just as a resident, but as someone deeply invested in its future and attuned to how transportation planning decisions affect the people who live here every day.

Professionally, I work as an Account Manager at Mixpanel, a product analytics company, and have been related roles the rest of my time here in SF. I've developed strong skills in data interpretation, stakeholder communication, and translating complex information into actionable decisions. My background in marketing and political science and participation in local government activities further shapes how I approach civic problems - with both strategic thinking and an appreciation for how county-level transportation funding and planning decisions ripple out to affect real people and communities.

As a non-car owner who relies on Muni and Bay Wheels e-bikes daily, I have firsthand experience with the strengths and shortcomings of San Francisco's transportation network. I believe in planning and investing in streets that work for people who walk, bike, and ride - and I have the community relationships, professional network, and communication skills to advocate for that vision effectively at the county level.

I am ready to engage constructively with SFCTA staff, champion data-driven transportation investments, and represent the voices of transit-dependent San Franciscans on this committee.

Statement of objectives:

If appointed to the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee, I would work to ensure that people who walk, bike, and rely on transit are meaningfully represented in transportation planning and funding decisions, while remaining mindful of the needs of all road users including drivers. I would support data-driven approaches to county-level transportation investment, drawing on proven strategies from other major cities, and leverage my connections in the tech and business communities to build broader enthusiasm for public transit and bike ridership - with the joint goal of reducing congestion and pollution. I would advocate for continued support of Street Crisis Response Teams, Homeless Engagement Assistance Response Teams, and community-led organizations, while encouraging wider adoption of digital tools like SF311 to strengthen resident engagement. Ultimately, I would champion transportation investments and planning decisions that improve how all San Franciscans move through our city and county prioritizing safety, accessibility, and human-centric design.

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

Business; Environment; Social and racial justice; Neighborhood

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.

Clara Baumgarten

NAME OF APPLICANT

3/28/2026

DATE

ATTACHMENT 3



**San Francisco
County Transportation
Authority**

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-XX

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLARA BAUMGARTEN AS THE DISTRICT 3
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 a vacancy on the CAC for a District 3 representative since the prior representative resigned from the CAC; and

WHEREAS, At its April 14, 2026 meeting, Vice Chair Sauter nominated Clara Baumgarten as the District 3 CAC representative; and

WHEREAS, Clara Baumgarten spoke to her interest and qualifications for serving on the CAC at the April 14, 2026 Board meeting; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Clara Baumgarten as the District 3 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.