



## Memorandum

### AGENDA ITEM 5

**DATE:** September 08, 2026  
**TO:** Transportation Authority Board  
**FROM:** Maria Lombardo – Chief Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** 09/15/26 Board Meeting: Appoint Abigail Pantoja as the District 11 Representative to the Community Advisory Committee

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| <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b>   <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><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>There is an open seat on the 11-member CAC for District 11 as the result of the prior representative resigning from the CAC. Commissioner Chen has indicated her intent to nominate Abigail Pantoja as the District 11 representative. The Administrative Code requires the CAC applicant to appear before the Board to speak to their 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> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fund Allocation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fund Programming</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Legislation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Study</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project Oversight/Delivery</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: CAC Appointment</p> |
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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](http://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 2026/27 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 |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| VACANT                 |        |                                     | 7        |                              |                                                                                                                                 |                 |                 |
| VACANT                 |        |                                     | 11       |                              |                                                                                                                                 |                 |                 |
| Rachael Ortega         | Female | Caucasian, European, or White       | 8        | NP                           | Business;Environment;Social and racial justice;Neighborhood;Public Policy                                                       | October 2022    | October 2026    |
| Jerry Levine           | Male   | Caucasian, European, or White       | 2        | Cow Hollow                   | Business; Neighborhood; Public policy                                                                                           | November 2018   | February 2027   |
| Sean Kim               | Male   | East Asian                          | 1        | Central Richmond             | Business;Disabled;Environment;Social and racial justice;Labor;Neighborhood;Public Policy;Senior                                 | May 2023        | May 2027        |
| Phoebe Ford            | Female | Caucasian, European, or White       | 4        | Central Sunset               | Business;Environment;Neighborhood                                                                                               | September 2023  | September 2027  |
| Najuawanda Daniels     | Female | Black descended or African American | 10       | NP                           | Social and racial justice;Labor;Neighborhood;Public Policy                                                                      | September 2022  | October 2027    |
| Austin Milford-Rosales | Male   | Caucasian, European, or White       | 6        | Mission Bay/SOMA             | Environment;Public Policy                                                                                                       | October 2023    | October 2027    |
| Venecia Margarita      | Female | Hispanic, Latino, or Latinx         | 9        | Portola                      | Business;Disabled;Environment;Social and racial justice;Labor;Neighborhood;Public Policy;Senior;Youth, undocumented communities | February 2024   | March 2028      |
| Kat Siegal             | Female | Caucasian, European, or White       | 5        | Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury | Disabled; Environment; Social and racial justice ;Labor; Neighborhood; Public Policy; Senior; Other                             | February 2022   | March 2028      |
| Clara Baumgarten       | Female | Caucasian, European, or White       | 3        | Russian Hill                 | Business;Environment;Social and racial justice;Labor;Neighborhood;Public Policy                                                 | April 2026      | April 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)

## ATTACHMENT 2



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### **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

#### Application for Membership on the Community Advisory Committee

**Abigail**

FIRST NAME

**Pantoja**

LAST NAME

**Female**

GENDER (OPTIONAL)

ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL)

**Yes**

IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC, LATINO, OR LATINX? (OPTIONAL)

**District 11**

HOME SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE

**[ redacted ]**

HOME PHONE

**[ redacted ]**

HOME EMAIL

**[ redacted ]**

STREET ADDRESS OF HOME

**[ redacted ]**

CITY

**[ redacted ]**

STATE

**[ redacted ]**

ZIP

#### **Statement of qualifications:**

I have been a San Francisco resident for almost 12 years and have been a longtime public transportation rider. Over the years, I've seen and experienced the changes in the city firsthand as I moved between different neighborhoods and jobs. Public transportation has always been something I relied on in my daily life, and throughout my work experience I have also supported communities who depend on reliable and accessible transit every day.

I currently work as a Program Assistant at the University of San Francisco, and before that I worked in nonprofits and startup environments where I managed budgets, coordinated logistics, and supported events and operations. Working in these different spaces helped me build strong communication, organization, and problem-solving skills while working with many different communities and needs.

Both my personal and professional experiences have shown me how connected transportation is to people's everyday lives, whether that is access to work, school, housing, or community resources. As someone who uses public transportation regularly and cares about the future of San Francisco, I would appreciate the opportunity to bring my perspective and experiences to the Community Advisory Committee and support transportation planning that better serves residents across the city.

#### **Statement of objectives:**

My main objectives would be to advocate for transportation decisions that consider the experiences of working-class communities, students, immigrants, and residents who rely heavily on public transit to get to work, school, and essential services. I also hope to contribute thoughtful community perspectives around accessibility, safety, sustainability, and the connection between transportation, housing, and quality of life in the city.

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:**

Social and racial justice; Neighborhood; Parents/families

**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.

**Abigail Pantoja**

NAME OF APPLICANT

**5/6/2026**

DATE



RESOLUTION APPOINTING ABIGAIL PANTOJA AS THE DISTRICT 11  
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 11 representative; and

WHEREAS, At its September 15, 2026 meeting, Commissioner Chen nominated Abigail Pantoja as the District 11 CAC representative; and

WHEREAS, Abigail Pantoja spoke to her interest and qualifications for serving on the CAC at the September 15, 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 Abigail Pantoja as the District 11 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.