

# SAN MATEO COUNTY

## CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

*Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson*  
*Regina Wallace-Jones, Vice Chairperson*

*Sukhmani S. Purewal, Secretary*  
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TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY  
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY  
SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a virtual meeting of the Committee at **6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020.**

City Selection Committee does not fall under Ralph M. Brown Act; however, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Thus, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, local and statewide health orders, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, the regular meeting will not take place in Colma but instead will be held virtually via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/94000183025>. The meeting ID is 940 0018 3025. If joining via telephone, please dial +1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 940 0018 3025, then press #.

### AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of February 28, 2020.
- 3) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining terms of Wayne Lee and Rich Garbarino through June 30, 2021.
  - i. *Councilmember Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking appointment*
  - ii. *Councilmember Giselle Hale, City of Redwood City, is seeking appointment*
  - iii. *Councilmember Mark Nagales, City of South San Francisco, is seeking appointment*
  - iv. *Vice Mayor Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking appointment*
- 4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a regular member on the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
  - i. *Councilmember Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto is seeking appointment*

- 5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an *Alternate* on the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
- 6) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve on the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.
  - i. *Mayor Ron Collins, City of San Carlos, is seeking reappointment*
  - ii. *Councilmember Donna Colson, City of Burlingame, is seeking reappointment*
- 7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Rich Garbarino through 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May 2021.
  - i. *Councilmember Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment*
  - ii. *Vice Mayor Ann Schneider, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment*
- 8) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing **Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside)**, for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.
- 9) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing **Central Cities (Eligible Cities: Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, and San Mateo)**, for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
  - i. *Councilmember Julia Mates, City of Belmont, is seeking reappointment*
  - ii. *Councilmember Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment*
- 10) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing **Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside)**, for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
  - i. *Vice Mayor Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment*
- 11) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2021  
**(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)**
  - i. *Chair Sue Vaterlaus, City of Pacifica, is seeking reappointment*
- 12) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2021  
**(Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)**
  - i. *Vice Chair Regina Wallace-Jones, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment*

### 13) Oral Communications and Announcements

- i. Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.*
- ii. Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendized for a later meeting date.*

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802.

# SAN MATEO COUNTY

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TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY  
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY  
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at **6:15 p.m.** on **Friday, February 28, 2020**, at Twin Pines Lodge Building (City of Belmont Civic Center), 40 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA 94002.

- 1) Roll Call – The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Absent: Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Menlo Park, San Carlos, and San Mateo.

- 2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December 20, 2019

**Motion:** South San Francisco

**Second:** San Bruno

**Ayes (13):** Atherton, Belmont, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, and Woodside

**Noes:** None

**Absent (7):** Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Menlo Park, San Carlos, and San Mateo

- 3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing *Cities (All Cities are eligible)* for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023

*i. Mayor Diane Howard, City of Redwood City, is seeking reappointment*

**Motion to reappoint Diane Howard:** San Bruno

**Second:** South San Francisco

**Ayes (13):** Atherton, Belmont, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, and Woodside

**Noes:** None

**Absent (7):** Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Half Moon Bay, Menlo Park, San Carlos, and San Mateo

4) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**



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December 2, 2020

Re: Appointment to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Executive Board of Directors - Cities Representative

Dear Honorable Colleagues

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek appointment to one of the two ABAG Executive Board open seats representing Cities in San Mateo County. I recently completed duty as a member of the Housing Methodology Committee. I continue to serve as a member of the Regional Planning Committee at ABAG to which I won appointment at the August 23, 2019 meeting of the City Selection Committee.

For most of my life, I worked as a carpenter constructing residential buildings ending my building career as a Superintendent executing tenant improvement projects in hospitals and laboratories. In 1998, I became employed by the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council. In that capacity I represented Carpenters in five counties. It was a huge responsibility and one that I'm very proud of. I retired from that career in 2011.

I have been officially working on land use, public works and governance issues in the City of San Mateo since 2001, when I was appointed by the City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transit Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee. Following that three-year assignment, I was appointed to the Public Works Commission where I learned and served dutifully for six years. Following that I was appointed to the Planning Commission where, I was the Chair, when I was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Council to fill a vacant Council seat.

I have been a member of the San Mateo City Council for six years and have been appointed to, and very active in, San Mateo County's local Joint Powers Authorities and advisory committee's since February 2015.

Regarding board positions on the County's JPA's: I started working in 2014 to create Peninsula Clean Energy which commenced operations in 2016 with a unanimous vote of every Council and Board of Supervisors member. I have been a Board member and member of the Executive Committee there for several years. I have been a Board member and Chair of the Finance Committee at Commute.org. A board member and vice chair at HEART. A Board member and member of the Zero Landfill Committee at the SBWMA. I am been serving as a member of C/CAG's Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Subcommittee. I have been serving as the City's representative and voting member to the League of California Cities. For the last two years, I have also served as a member of the League's Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy Subcommittee. Very recently, I received a presidential appointment to serve as the vice chair of this same subcommittee for this year.

As a resident of San Mateo County since 1958, I feel a very strong sense of purpose in working to make the Peninsula and Bay Area the best housed, most efficiently transited and most environmentally sound region that it can be. Heretofore, we have had an extremely efficient and productive economy. I intend to work

hard to return our economy to its former prominence while also bringing equity to all of the people in our jurisdictions. I promise to proudly and assertively represent the interests of our San Mateo County residents to the best of my abilities.

I appreciate the huge volume of hard work that ABAG has done over these many years and would be deeply honored by your appointment to serve representing the Cities of San Mateo County. Please feel free to call me at (650) 430-9171 or email me at [rbonilla@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:rbonilla@cityofsanmateo.org) if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Thank you,



Rick Bonilla  
City of San Mateo Council Member



December 4th, 2020

Dear fellow San Mateo County Colleagues, Vice Mayors and Mayors,

I respectfully submit my application for your consideration to represent the 20 cities and towns on the ABAG Executive Committee as San Mateo County's representative.

San Mateo County is a model of what is possible when leaders and stakeholders are focused on results, respect and progress. While we have more jurisdictions than any other county, we have a history of effective collaboration on housing that other counties aspire to. The COVID-19 pandemic has crystalized for me that our County shares a special bond which is focused on collaboration over conflict. With that model in mind, I am interested in representing all of San Mateo County's cities - all sizes, all geographic locations, all ethnic compositions, and across the spectrum of capabilities to create new housing under ABAG's proposed Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations.

It is time for ABAG to acknowledge and give credit to the hard work taking place in counties like San Mateo for our individual and collective efforts to create more housing across all AMI affordability levels. My goal if allowed to represent our County in this ABAG appointment will be to work with ABAG, MTC, and the State Legislature to give RHNA credit on policies that truly help the housing needs of our communities while respecting the diversity of our communities including:

- Allowing family-sized units of two and three bedrooms approved for development to be counted equivalent to two and three units toward RHNA allocation goals. In the other words, focus on the number of people being housed, rather than just "housing units";
- Allowing existing rental units which are purchased by affordable housing groups like HIP Housing and refurbished and deed-restricted as BMR units for 55 years to be counted toward RHNA affordable housing allocation goals;
- Allow fully entitled residential units approved by city and town councils, but for circumstances beyond a city's control not constructed, to be counted toward RHNA allocation goals;
- Ensure housing that aims to reduce homelessness in the form of college dormitories and micro-housing counts towards RHNA goals;
- Ensure San Mateo County gets its fair share of funding for affordable housing.

In addition to these specific ideas, I believe I have the passion, tenacity, and collaborative style to be a regional voice on housing. My experience includes almost seven years of evaluating entitlements for thousands of housing units and hundreds of affordable housing units as a public servant. This has given me the opportunity to see what has worked well and what has not. I have seen first hand the funding struggles non-profits and cities go through to produce affordable units. I know that affordable housing goals will not be met simply by adopting a RHNA number. Funding has to be available to support these projects.



I offer the following three strengths that will be useful for representing San Mateo County well in this role that requires balancing regional collaboration with local control:

- Team player. During Covid I partnered with Councilmembers, childcare advocates and Supervisors Pine and Groom to champion the creation of the \$4.5M San Mateo County Covid Relief fund. This fund works to ensure the childcare our residents and businesses need for a full economic recovery. All funds were distributed to childcare providers across our County using a need and equity-based equation.
- Strategic thinking. I have a career background in corporate and marketing strategy and know how to position the significant work of San Mateo County against the larger counties with big cities. We must ensure the good public policy decisions coming out of San Mateo County are recognized and respected. I recently sat on the Peninsula Clean Energy Strategy strategic plan committee where we prepared a bold strategic plan for the next decade.
- Technology and Innovation. I understand the power and potential of social media to influence public policy and decision making. San Mateo County can be just as impactful as San Francisco or San Jose if we are smart and strategic in our advocacy. I recently worked with Assemblymember Mullin on the creation of AB992 "Modernizing the Brown Act" which was the most significant update to the Brown Act since its inception in 1952 and gives local elected officials the ability to use social media to communicate with constituents. AB 992 was signed into law this year by Governor Newsom.

My vision for this role is to ensure San Mateo gets credit for the great work we do on housing and gets our fair share of funding. Our regional programs must incentivize the right behaviors and metrics like RHNA should capture the real progress made towards goals that help our residents. I believe I can be effective in navigating the trade-off decisions that need to be made for our County and region and I humbly ask for your support.

I can be reached at 650-521-2134 or [ghale@redwoodcity.org](mailto:ghale@redwoodcity.org) for your questions.

Respectfully,



Giselle Hale  
Redwood City Councilmember

CITY COUNCIL 2020



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MIKE FUTRELL, CITY MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 3, 2020

City Selection Committee  
c/o Sukhmani Purewal  
Secretary of City Selection Committee/Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
RE: Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am seeking your support for an appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing San Mateo County.

As one of the first Filipino Americans elected to the South San Francisco City Council, I understand how important it is to have a seat at the table. I currently serve on the Board for HEART of San Mateo County, which provides opportunities for San Mateo County residents to become first-time homeowners. I am also a member of the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities, where I have served as the San Mateo County Representative for the Peninsula Division and now on the Legislative Action Committee. As a former aide to Assemblymember Gene Mullin and to Congresswoman Jackie Speier, I have over 10 years of legislative experience working on housing issues. I am also a member of the REACH Coalition, which addresses issues of racial and social equity in San Mateo County.

Currently, I am the San Mateo County Outreach Coordinator for Project Sentinel, a non-profit housing counseling agency that serves both tenants and landlords. Every day, I speak with tenants and landlords from all over the County seeking advice on their rights and responsibilities regarding housing issues. The volume of calls I have received at Project Sentinel has increased dramatically because of COVID. With the protections and eviction moratoriums of AB 3088 potentially ending in January 2021, there could be a tidal wave of evictions and foreclosures coming next year. COVID has created unprecedented challenges in housing and the economy. If selected to serve on ABAG, I will bring my valuable firsthand experience in tackling these COVID-related issues.

In seeking this appointment, I will be a representative for all cities in San Mateo County to voice your concerns, questions, and priorities to the entire ABAG Board. I have spoken with many of you about wildfire protections, affordable housing, transportation, the economy, and the environment. Having representation from both the northern and southern portions of our county will bring a balanced regional perspective to ABAG. I believe that my extensive experience on housing issues and my understanding of the County makes me a strong candidate to be your advocate on ABAG.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Mark Nagales  
Councilmember  
City of South San Francisco



## CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

Mayor Regina Wallace-Jones  
Vice Mayor Carlos Romero

Council Members  
Ruben Abrica  
Lisa Gauthier  
Larry Moody

December 3, 2020

Re: Association of Bay Area Governments Appointment, City Selection Committee

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I respectfully seek your support for appointment to one of the open seats to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. I presently serve as an ABAG Board alternate member having participated as a voting member of the ABAG Executive Committee at eight meetings. On several of those occasions I was asked to attend with less than 24-hour notice and nevertheless fulfilled my duties.

My interest in serving on ABAG's governing board stems from a commitment to regional transportation and housing planning that couples appropriate local land use, sound economic and housing policies, and a firm respect for the environment. In particular, over the next two years, ABAG/MTC will be establishing the Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (BAHFA), a vital regional entity our cities need to fund development of moderate and low-income housing. My deep understanding of housing finance and development as an affordable housing developer and consultant positions me well to help move BAHFA forward.

I am well prepared to serve on ABAG given my four years as an ABAG alternate and current seven years of service as vice chair of both ABAG's Regional Planning Committee and its Housing Committee. Most recently, I served on ABAG's Housing Methodology Committee, grappling with a year-long process to determine our RHNA housing allocation methodology. Lastly, I also served three years as a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) advisory board member. San Mateo County cities must have someone at the table who can participate fully in the final stage of the MTC/ABAG merger. ABAG's far more democratic and deliberative governance structure must not be lost during this merger process.

San Mateo County cities are diverse and have numerous needs and sometimes divergent concerns. I promise to continue to listen and learn with the rest of you to find solutions and craft positions that address our local and regional needs without acrimonious debate.

I humbly ask that you support my appointment to ABAG. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning my candidacy. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or [cromero\\_ezln@yahoo.com](mailto:cromero_ezln@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Vice Mayor



# CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

## Office of the City Council

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December 3, 2020

Sukhmani Purewal  
Secretary, San Mateo County City Selection Committee  
And Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Via this letter I wish to express my interest in serving as a regular member on the Domestic Violence Council (DVC). I have been a strong advocate for providing more direct services to families impacted by domestic violence in our City of East Palo Alto. With the support of the City Council a pilot project in conjunction with CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) was established the last few years.

With a person available on the ground in the community, more people have been served, more collaborative relationships with community organizations have been forged and a continuing working relationship with the police department has been strengthened. Most important, people have direct and more trusting personal access to get help.

I think the Domestic Violence Council plays a critical role in bringing awareness and giving direction to possible preventive and enforcement efforts throughout the county. This past year I have attended most of the meetings and would like to continue my participation in a more formal way, and as an advocate representing the Council of Cities. We know that during this pandemic, family violence has increased. I am prepared to do my part in the work of the Domestic Violence Council as it addresses current and future challenges in meeting the needs of affected families.

Our experience in East Palo Alto can offer a model that could be adapted in other communities and benefit from our lessons learned. We also can learn from the expertise and experiences of other cities.

I respectfully submit this letter of interest and seek the support of the voting members of the City Selection Committee as they vote on December 18, 2020.

Sincerely,

*Ruben Abrica*

Ruben Abrica  
Council Member, City of East Palo Alto  
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November 18, 2020

To: City Selection Committee

Re: Re-appointment to Housing and Community Development Commission of San Mateo County (HCDC)

Honorable Mayors and Designees:

I am interested in continuing to serve on the Housing and Community Development Committee of San Mateo County (HCDC).

I continue to be a primary housing representative for the San Carlos City Council, served on the HEART Board and have been a member of our Council's Housing Subcommittee. I would be honored to continue my service once again on the HCDC.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Ron Collins  
San Carlos City Council



EMILY BEACH, MAYOR  
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November 17, 2020

Sukhmani Purewal  
Secretary, San Mateo County City Selection Committee  
400 County Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear San Mateo County City Selection Committee,

It has been my pleasure, these past four years, to represent you on the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC). I am asking for your support for another term.

For the past five years I have served on the San Mateo County Home For All Steering Committee and represented the County during the CASA legislative discussions. The HCDC is concluding its eighth NOFA and has allocated over \$180 million in Federal, State and County funding to support over 3,000 units of affordable housing in 43 different projects located throughout the County.

Currently, we are working on HCDC's 2021/22 Action Plan that includes a Covid-19 response and a focus on ending homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter of interest to serve another term on the HCDC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Colson".

Donna Colson  
Councilmember  
City of Burlingame



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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Sue Vaterlaus  
Member, Pacifica City Council, and Chair, City Selection Committee  
Via email to [spurewal@smcgov.org](mailto:spurewal@smcgov.org)

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to LAFCO

Dear Chair Vaterlaus:

I'm writing to express my strong interest in serving as a Regular Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission, and respectfully request your support and appointment. My experience, leadership, skills set, and record of action on the Half Moon Bay City Council and in my roles elsewhere, illustrate my commitment and dedication to serving the community and San Mateo County.

I have served the community of Half Moon Bay on its City Council since 2016, including terms as Vice-Mayor and Mayor, and was just re-elected to the Council. My other public service experience includes serving on the San Mateo County Special Districts Association; the Coastside Fire Protection District Board; the Leadership Committee of the League of California Cities Coastal Cities Group, and as a founding member of the Peninsula Clean Energy Advisory Committee. I've also been active in volunteering with groups including the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter, the Coastside Emergency Corps (CEC), and other community service groups on the San Mateo County coastside. Additionally, I have been the Cities Local Agency Formation Commission Alternate for the last two years and I have attended all its meetings and participated as a voting member in many.

Many of these roles involve coordination with a variety of inter-governmental jurisdictions including the Coastal Commission, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, and the Coastside Fire Protection District. As a member of City Council, I've also been involved with efforts involving Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, state-level elected officials, State Parks, and other agencies. The issues we deal with in Half Moon Bay are common to many local cities and agencies, and I believe my experience will be useful in assisting with the types of complex matters which LAFCO must address on a regular basis.

The common thread in my experience is my strong desire to serve the community in areas which I find of great importance to the quality of life of my constituents of today, as well as for the generations of the future. Our actions as policy-makers today must help ensure the well-





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being of those future generations; and that action is particularly important and effective at the local and regional level. I believe this perspective can greatly contribute to LAFCo's efforts. Thank you for your consideration of giving me the opportunity serve on LAFCo. Please feel free to contact me at [hrarback@hmbcity.com](mailto:hrarback@hmbcity.com) or 650-560-0111 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harvey Rarback".

Harvey Rarback  
Member, City Council of Half Moon Bay

cc: The Honorable Joshua Cosgrove, LAFCO Chair  
Martha Poyatos, LAFCO Executive Officer  
Half Moon Bay City Council  
Bob Nisbet, Half Moon Bay City Manager

City Selection Committee  
Mr. Sukhmani Purewal  
Secretary of the City Selection Committee

December 4, 2020

Dear Selection Committee Members:

I write to request your consideration and support to be appointed to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I have just been re-elected to a four-year term with the City of Millbrae City Council.

I enjoy studying processes and how programs are supported and support local communities. I have a regional approach even in my work with the City of Millbrae. I commit to studying the issues and making recommendations that support all communities.

I would be deeply honored to receive this appointment. I promise to do all the required reading and be prepared for making difficult and critical recommendations to ensure the safety of our County. I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information in helping make this decision. I can be reached at 650-697-6249 or via email at [aschneider@ci.millbrae.ca.us](mailto:aschneider@ci.millbrae.ca.us) or my direct email at SchneiderAnn@juno.com.

Ann Schneider  
Vice Mayor, City of Millbrae

Attachment: Resume

December 4, 2020



Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers:

Thank you all for your continued work in service to your communities and beyond, especially during these trying times. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as the Central Judicial Cities representative this past year. I am writing to seek your support for a full term appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (“TA”) Board of Directors (“the Board”) Central Judicial Cities’ seat.

I am deeply grateful to have been appointed last year to fill the one-year vacancy. One of the accomplishments I am most proud of during my service this past year is initiating quarterly updates to increase communication and outreach to councilmembers, mayors, vice-mayors, and city staff. My intent for these updates is to highlight key decisions, issues, or opportunities important for city councils and policy makers to be aware of, rather than providing a recap of the agenda items of these meetings. I became acutely aware of the need for these updates after speaking with many of you about the TA and your suggestions for improvement.

The first update I prepared for you resulted in such positive feedback from my council colleagues in neighboring cities that the Transit District board and staff thought it would be beneficial to do quarterly updates on the activities and actions of the entire District. Now, District-wide quarterly updates are being prepared and disseminated and I serve as the TA board liaison to staff to identify those important topics of likely interest to councilmembers.

The TA plays a vital role in providing critical transit funding for expressly local investment supporting both capital and operational needs through Measures A and W. In the past year, we have experienced unforeseen setbacks in the world of transportation due to COVID-19 and I was gratified to perform the work of ensuring the sales tax revenue of Measures A and W were allocated appropriately and that the TA was able to continue to invest in efforts such as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program for over \$8 million, despite the decrease in sales tax revenues due to the pandemic.

I am asking for your support so that I can continue to work with staff and my colleagues to find solutions to challenges the TA will face and take advantage of the opportunities it encounters. I will continue to ensure that equity is a consideration in awarding funding and, as always, as a board member, my “door” will always be open and your thoughtful input will always play a role in my decision-making.

I would be honored to have your continued support for this position.

If I can provide any additional information that would help you in making your decision or answer any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at [julia@juliamates.com](mailto:julia@juliamates.com) or 650-533-3996.



Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Mates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending from the 'a'.

Julia Mates



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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Sue Vaterlaus  
Member, Pacifica City Council, and Chair, City Selection Committee  
Via email to [spurewal@smcgov.org](mailto:spurewal@smcgov.org)

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Dear Chair Vaterlaus:

I'm writing to express my strong interest in being appointed to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), representing Central Judicial Cities. I respectfully request your support and appointment. My experience, leadership, skills set, and record of action on the Half Moon Bay City Council and in my roles elsewhere, illustrate my commitment and dedication to serving the community and greater San Mateo County.

I have served the community of Half Moon Bay on its City Council since 2016, including terms as Vice-Mayor and Mayor, and was just re-elected to the Council. My other public service experience includes serving on the San Mateo County Special Districts Association; the Coastside Fire Protection District Board; the Leadership Committee of the League of California Cities Coastal Cities Group, and as a founding member of the Peninsula Clean Energy Advisory Committee. I've also been active in volunteering with groups including the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter, the Coastside Emergency Corps (CEC), and other community service groups on the San Mateo County coastside.

Transportation is a key issue among my constituents, and throughout the County. This is especially true during these unprecedented times, in the midst of the pandemic and its related economic impacts. Transportation is also an environmental issue, and as an active member of the Coastside community, I've had a strong focus on sustainability and environmental protection. Additionally, through the City Council I've been involved in coordination with a variety of inter-governmental jurisdictions including the Coastal Commission, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, the Coastside Fire Protection District Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, state-level elected officials, State Parks, and other agencies.

The common thread in my experience is my strong desire to serve the community in areas which I find of great importance to the quality of life of my constituents of today, as well as for the generations of the future.



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Our actions as policy-makers today must help ensure the well-being of those future generations; and that action is particularly important and effective at the local and regional level. I believe this perspective can greatly contribute to the efforts of SMCTA.

Thank you for your consideration of giving me the opportunity serve on SMCTA. Please feel free to contact me at [hrarback@hmbcity.com](mailto:hrarback@hmbcity.com) or 650-560-0111 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harvey Rarback".

Harvey Rarback  
Member, City Council of Half Moon Bay

cc: Emily Beach, Chair, SMCTA  
Half Moon Bay City Council  
Bob Nisbet, Half Moon Bay City Manager



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December 3, 2020

Re: San Mateo County Transportation Authority city seat- Southern Judicial Cities Re-Appointment

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I write to seek your support for re-appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Southern Judicial Cities seat. As past Mayor of East Palo Alto, former vice-chair of CCAG, board member of Commute.org, and an active participant in Council of Cities meetings, I have grown to know and engage many of you in transportation discussions affecting our cities. It is vitally important we listen to one another and collectively arrive at decisions that affect our cities. As a diverse county we must cooperate, and reach reasoned and sustainable transportation decisions that address the urban and rural growth challenges.

Over the last two years I have played a meaningful and effective role in developing SMCTA's newest strategic plan that sets forth a comprehensive blueprint for funding our transit, roadways, and non-motorized forms of transportation cost effectively, efficiently and equitably. During this period, I have also brought to bear a deep experience in finance and financial oversight gained from my professional experience as a developer and affordable housing consultant.

In these challenging times grappling with the human and financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SMCTA will play a pivotal role in prioritizing, and leveraging our local monies to allow our cities to guarantee the flow of funds for transit, bike/ped, road and highway improvement projects. Among the many projects and priorities that must be balanced are the implementation of complete streets, shuttles, the Hwy 101 Managed Lanes Project, much needed grade separations, and TDM, to cite only a few. My present seven years on ABAG's Regional Planning Committee and my educational background at Stanford and Harvard where I studied urban economics, urban planning, real estate finance, and transportation studies have been essential in understanding the complicated finances and activities of the SMCTA.

I am always mindful of the diversity of our cities, our numerous needs, and our sometimes-divergent concerns. I will always engage in reasoned discourse, respectful of all positions, that seeks innovative, collaborative and truly effective solutions that maintain and improve our transportation options sustainably.

I humbly ask for your support. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning my re-appointment. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or by email: [cromero\\_ezln@yahoo.com](mailto:cromero_ezln@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Vice Mayor