

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

May 20, 2022

Agenda Item 3

**Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair
and Vice Chair**

Subject:

Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.

Background:

At the May 20, 2022 meeting, we will begin with the election of a chair and vice chair for the 2022-2023 term. Following is the most recent list of nominees:

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair:	Ilaf Esuf
	Dwayne Hankerson

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Vice Chair:	No nominees
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A copy of the biographies of the nominees is attached. Should you have further nominations, please do not hesitate to contact Ky-Nam Miller at kmiller@bayareametro.gov and Martha Silver at MSilver@bayareametro.gov .

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the beginning of the May 20, 2022, meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are two-year terms (effective upon election) ending December 2023.

Rules:

- Every Subcommittee Member must state their preference or abstain from voting via roll call vote.
- The winning candidate gets 50% + 1 of the present eligible votes (i.e., with ten current subcommittee members, the magic number is 6 to be elected).
- If no candidate wins, another round with the lowest voted candidate(s) is removed.
- In the event of a tie, candidates may opt to remove themselves from the vote; and Subcommittee Members may change votes.

Key Instructions for nominating and voting:

- To be included in the packet, self-nominations are due to Martha by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2022.
- Nominations can be made during the item and before the vote.
- For the actual vote, when your last name is called, please share your vote.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Approval

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Candidates' Statements

Candidates' Statements

Nominees for Chair:

All of my endeavors—whether personal or professional—are rooted in my passion to advance equity for our communities. It's the reason I work in policy, the reason I joined MTC PAC, and it's the reason I spend my spare time supporting immigrants and youths of color in advancing economic mobility, accessing education, and excelling in the workforce.

My interest in equity and access stems from my own background as a double-minority in my home country of Sri Lanka and as a low-income immigrant here, in the United States. These experiences taught me the importance of baking equity into every decision, program, and system from the forefront—not as an afterthought—because WE should not be an afterthought. For every organization I have been a part of, whether as an employee or volunteer, I have worked to embed equity principles into our internal and external functions. It's an expertise I'd love to bring to this committee, especially given the amount of work that needs to be done to ensure our transportation systems account for ALL of our residents, regardless of race, gender, age, preferred language, mobility, etc. If elected chair, I hope to create systems and structures to ensure equitable principles aren't restricted to our subcommittee. These principles should guide the entire MTC staff and PAC from the inception of our work, and include the community members who will be impacted by the decisions we make. As chair, I hope to work towards these goals with your support. Thank you.



Ilaf Esuf
Economy Representative

Nominees for Chair:

My name is Dwayne Hankerson I represent the disabled of Solano County. I will bring the following to the table if elected:

- Experience with reasonable accommodation for the disabled
- Knowledge of the Bay Area geographically and demographically
- Analysis of housing policy, and local, state, and federal laws and ordinances' regarding housing
- Our 15 years of Administrative expertise

I am dedicated to providing access to opportunity to our diverse community, and efficiently reaching the goals of MTC for the Subcommittee.



Dwayne Hankerson
Representing the Disabled