

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

**Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee**

**July 28, 2023**

**Agenda Item 3a**

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

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**Subject:**

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

**Background:**

At the July 28, 2023, meeting, we will begin with the election of a chair and vice chair for the remainder of the two-year term that ends in December 2023. The election for the next two-year term will take place in January 2024, lasting through December 2025. Following is the most recent list of nominees:

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair: Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Vice Chair: No nominees

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](mailto:kmiller@bayareametro.gov) and Martha Silver at [MSilver@bayareametro.gov](mailto:MSilver@bayareametro.gov) .

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the beginning of the July 28, 2023, 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, July 27, 2023.
- 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**

<b>Nominees for Chair:</b>	
<p>Christine Fitzgerald has been in the disability community since birth. Throughout school and beyond, she has been actively interested in social justice issues concerning women, LGBT and disability — you might say, these focuses are so much a part of who she is, to not actively be involved in any of these issues would be like being a fish out of water!</p> <p>Christine firmly believes that lacking good infrastructure that can help people with disabilities get from one place to another would seriously decrease a person's ability to attain a job, go to school, or in so many other ways be an active participant in the larger community.</p> <p>Christine serves on many different community commissions and committees, including the County Voters Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Committee for Transportation Mobility Access, and the Access and Functional Needs Task Force.</p>	 <p>Christine Fitzgerald Representing the Disabled Community of Santa Clara County</p>