July 7, 2016

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Chairperson, Programming and Allocations Committee

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center

375 Beale Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

## Dear Chairperson Weiner:

I am writing to express my support of the application submitted by the City of South San Francisco in partnership with Beacon Communities. I am living at Rotary Plaza, an affordable housing community with supportive services for seniors here in South San Francisco.

I feel very fortunate to be living here when I hear what other people in the community around me are paying for rent. Whereas I pay 30% of my income for rent, many seniors are paying close to 34% more than their monthly income for their rent. This forces them to cut back on food or medicines.

I am supporting this application because it funds a portion of the proposed new senior housing, Miller Place as well as needed transportation projects. Accessible and efficient transportation is vital to us older people as a way to maintain our independence and stay connected to the community.

I urge the Programming and Allocations Committee to approve South San Francisco/Beacon Communities' application.

Sincerely,

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## Dear Chairperson Weiner:

I am very lucky to be living at Rotary Plaza, an affordable community with supportive services for seniors here in South San Francisco.

I support the City of South San Francisco, and their partner, Beacon Communities' application to fund a portion of the proposed Miller Place Senior Housing and the accompanying transportation improvements. Both of these projects are very important for us seniors.

I realize that is it very scary for any person to wonder what will happen if they cannot afford to pay their rent. As an older person with frequent pain and on several medications, it is even more so. At the same time, because many of us, as we get older, can no longer drive or afford to maintain a car, public transportation becomes more important.

Although, I am lucky to be living here, I want other seniors, many of whom have been on housing waiting lists for six years or more, to also have this opportunity.

I urge the Programming and Allocations Committee to approve South San Francisco/Beacon Communities' application.

Sincerely,

Harriel J. M. Hovern

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Dear Chairperson Weiner:

I am a member of the Services Advocacy Team here at Rotary Plaza in South San Francisco.

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As a member of this group, we advocate and support projects that improve the lives of residents living here at Rotary Plaza and in the larger community. We have worked with a number of City departments on transportation and traffic issues such as South San Francisco's free shuttle and street safety for the street in front of our buildings. We have also spoken on behalf of the proposed Miller Place, a proposed 81 apartment community for older adults.

As a person concerned about the quality of life here in South San Francisco, I am urging the Programming and Allocations Committee to approve South San Francisco/Beacon Communities' application for the additional senior housing apartments and the transportation improvements

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