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Sincerely,

Joe Sanders

Business Representative

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LOCAL UNION 6

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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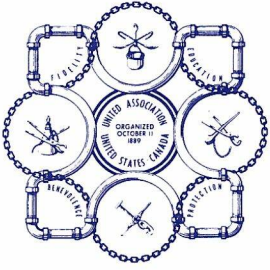
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As a project having multi-jurisdictional and economic impact, IBEW Local 6 strongly recommends that MTC approve the staff recommendation to elevate The Portal to Level 1 of the MAP.

Sincerely,

John J. Doherty
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
IBEW Local 6



**UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY**

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Sincerely,

LARRY MAZZOLA JR
Bus.Mgr. & Fin.Secty-Treas.

Friends of the Downtown Rail Extension

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This project will transform regional connectivity across the entire Bay Area; harnessing the full potential of Caltrain's new electrified fleet to create fast, frequent one-seat service between San Francisco's financial district and the Silicon Valley. Such untapped potential will create countless new job opportunities and tax revenue by merging these two employment centers into one integrated economic powerhouse, further solidifying our region's dominance as the tech capital of the world.

As ardent supporters of extending Caltrain service (and future California High-Speed rail service) to the Salesforce Transit Center, we strongly recommend MTC approve the staff recommendation to elevate The Portal to Level 1 of the MAP.

Sincerely,

Michael Gimbel

Co-Founder, Friends of the Downtown Rail Extension

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Advancement of The Portal to Level 1 of MAP is important to a sustainable and resilient transportation future; it will reduce the Bay Area's greenhouse gas emission impacts by reducing drivers' vehicle-miles-travelled, create over 60,000 jobs over the life of the project, and connect our greater region, leading to additional economic development benefits. Once completed, The Portal will serve 90,000 average daily riders and increase equitable access to transit for riders across the Bay Area. Moving The Portal to Level 1 will also allow it to compete for critical matching funds, such as the State's Cap and Trade program, as the TJPA works to close its funding gap of \$2.5 billion and sign a Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lurie".

Daniel Lurie
Mayor of San Francisco

Glaziers, Architectural Metal and Glass Workers Union, Local 718, of San Francisco

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Anthony Nuanes
Local Union 12/DC16



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Moving The Portal to Level 1 will also allow for it to compete for critical matching funds, especially as the State Legislature discusses reauthorizing the State's Cap and Trade program, which The Portal is targeting to close its \$2.5 billion funding gap.

We strongly recommend that MTC approve the staff recommendation to elevate The Portal to Level 1 of the MAP. Thank you for your consideration.

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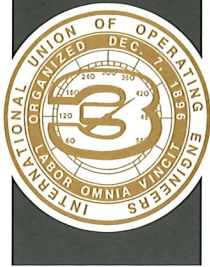
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Charles Lavery

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Respectfully,

Israel R. Vargas
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