

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Policy Advisory Council

February 25, 2025

Agenda Item 3a

Election for 2025 Policy Advisory Council Chair

Subject:

Election of a chair for the 2025 calendar year.

Background:

The election of a chair will take place at the February 25, 2025 meeting for the 2025 term.

Following is the most recent list of nominees:

Nominees for Chair:

- Michael Baldini
- Carina Lieu

A copy of the biographies of the Policy Advisory Council 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 council members at the February 25, 2025 meeting. The chair position is typically a two-year term (effective upon election). However, this term will end in December 2025.

Rules:

- Every council member must state their preference or abstain from voting via roll call vote.
- Winning candidate gets 50% + 1 of present eligible votes (i.e., if all 26 members are present, the magic number to be elected would be 14).
- If no candidate wins, another round with lowest voted candidate(s) removed.
- In the event of a tie, candidates may opt to remove themselves from vote, council members may change votes, and another round of votes will be conducted.

Key Instructions for nominating and voting:

- The candidates' names will be stated before the vote is conducted
- For the actual vote, when your last name is called, please share your vote, stating the candidate you wish to vote for or 'Abstain.'

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Approval

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Biographies of the Policy Advisory Council Chair Candidates

Biographies of the Policy Advisory Council Candidates'

Nominees for Chair

Michael J. Baldini attended ten schools in twelve years as his father was a custom farmer; working from an early age in orchards, fields and range lands, Michael desired to become a teacher and travel the world. Paying his way through Napa College and San Francisco State University, Michael ended a transportation career at the working end of a spike maul building railroads throughout the Western United States. This while serving on The Napa College Board of Trustees, an elected position for twenty years. Michael has traveled around the world, sailing, walking, riding, driving, flying Mach 2.2 at 60,000 ft., beneath oceans, through war zones, jungles and deserts, realizing with very few exceptions - this is one beautiful Earth, and we are blessed to call the San Francisco Bay Area home. He works at a winery/vineyard in Napa and serves on the Napa Valley Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee. Michael is also a small business owner in North Beach.



Michael Baldini
Representing the Low-
Income/Environmental
Justice Community of
Napa County

Carina V. Lieu is an accomplished public servant, urban planner, and equity specialist dedicated to advancing inclusive and sustainable transportation policies for the Bay Area. As a Policy Advisory Council Member for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Carina leverages her extensive background in transportation planning, community engagement, and strategic policy development to represent and amplify the voices of diverse stakeholders.

Currently serving as the Inclusive Community Engagement Officer for the City of Oakland, Carina brings over 15 years of professional experience in public policy, strategic planning, and capacity-building. Her expertise in fostering cross-departmental collaboration and trust-building aligns closely with MTC's mission to create innovative and equitable solutions for the region's transportation challenges.

Carina holds a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's in Ethnic Studies and Asian American Studies from UC Berkeley. She has worked across various sectors, including local government, education, and nonprofits, where she has successfully managed programs, implemented policies, and facilitated initiatives that prioritize equity and community-led decision-making.



Carina V. Lieu
Representing the People
of Color Community of
Alameda County