

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN LATEEFAH SIMON (CA-12)**

2 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025, 11:00 AM**

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING FOLKS. GOOD MORNING FOLKS. ALL RIGHT
6 FOLKS. GOOD MORNING. I HAVE SOMETHING VERY EXCITING FOR ALL OF
7 YOU. MY NAME IS NICK ROETHEL, I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE -- NO,
8 I'M NOT. I'M THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER HERE AT MTC ABAG I'M
9 HAPPY TO BE BACK WITH YOU TODAY REPRESENTING MTC ABAG, AND WE
10 ARE GLAD TO YOU HAVE BACK TODAY AS WELL, AND I CERTAINLY HOPE
11 THAT YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE CONFERENCE THUS FAR AND TODAY YOU
12 WILL BE ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES TO IDENTIFY THE NEXT STEPS AND
13 ACTION ITEMS FOR THE FUTURE. IT'S MY GREAT HONOR THAT I GET TO
14 INTRODUCE LATEEFAH SIMON PLEASE GIVE HER A HAND.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SIMON PROUDLY REPRESENTS CALIFORNIA'S 12th
16 DISTRICT WHICH ENCOMPASSES BAY AREA COMMUNITIES INCLUDING
17 ALAMEDA, ALBANY, BERKELEY, EMERYVILLE, OAKLAND, PIEDMONT AND
18 SAN LEANDRO SHE IS MY REPRESENTATIVE. SHE HAS EARNING HER
19 NUMEROUS ACCOLADES INCLUDING THE MACARTHUR GENIUS FELLOWSHIP
20 JOHN FORD KENNEDY FRONTIER LEADERSHIP AWARD, THE JEFFERSON
21 AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND RECOGNITION AS CALIFORNIA WOMAN
22 OF THE YEAR. IN 2016 COUNCIL MEMBER SIMON WAS ELECTED TO THE
23 BART BOARD WHERE SHE SERVED UNTIL 2024. SHE WORKED TO IMPROVE
24 PUBLIC SAFETY, MAKING RIDERSHIP MORE ACCESS AND I BELIEVE SHE
25 HELPED STEER BART THROUGH THE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES OF COVID-19.



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1 SHE WAS THE BOARD PRESIDENT DURING THAT TIME OF 2020 TO 2024.
2 CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON HAS ALSO LED MULTIPLE LARGE ORGANIZATIONS
3 AIMED AT ADVOCATES FOR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN THE BAY AREA AND
4 ADVANCING CIVIL RIGHTS. BORN LEGALLY BLIND REPRESENTATIVE
5 SIMON HAS NEVER DRIVEN A CAR. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, IT IS MY
6 ABSOLUTE GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE CONGRESSWOMAN LATEEFAH
7 SIMON.

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9 **LATEEFAH SIMON:** THIS IS THE ROOM THAT I NEEDED TO BE IN TODAY
10 CAN I JUST SAY, WHAT'S COOL ABOUT BEING IN CONGRESS UNLIKE A
11 LOT OF ORGANIZERS WHO ARE JUST OUT THERE LIKE ALL OF YOU JUST
12 DO IT I HAVE AN AMAZING STAFF AND THEY MAKE ALL OF THESE
13 AMAZING SWEEPS FOR ME, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TODAY. FIRST OF
14 ALL, I ROLLED UP -- AGAIN, DIFFERENT DRIVE, ONE OF OUR
15 WONDERFUL TEAM MEMBERS BACKED INTO THE GARAGE AND I LOOKED UP
16 AND SAID OH MY GOODNESS I USED TO STAY AT 388 BEALL, IT WAS
17 ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT CAME INTO SAN FRANCISCO AND
18 EVERYONE WAS LIKE, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS GOING TO BE OKAY,
19 AND AT THE TIME THE 30% OF UNITS WERE BELOW MARKET RATE AND I
20 STAYED ON THE 7TH FLOOR I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A VIEW AND AT
21 THE TIME MY DAUGHTER WHO IS NOW 29, WAS FIVE. THERE WAS NO T
22 LINE, DO YOU GUYS REMEMBER THOSE DAYS YOU WERE DOWN HERE,
23 STUCK, AND AS LEGALLY BLIND WOMAN HAVING THIS BEAUTIFUL BABY
24 SHE WAS GOING TO SCHOOL RIGHT HERE IN FILLMORE, WE WOULD HAVE
25 TO WALK FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS WAIT FOR THE FIVE EVERY DAY I HAD



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1 A FLASH BACK AND WANTED TO BRING IT UP. I BRING IT UP BECAUSE
2 MANY OF US A MAJORITY OF THE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM, WHAT WE DO IN
3 OUR LIVES CORRELATES WITH FOLKS WHO ARE MAKING DECISIONS FOR
4 US IN TREMENDOUS OF WHERE TRANSIT IS LOCATED HOW AND WHY WHERE
5 WE'RE GOING TO LIVE CAN WE AFFORD IT SO YOU'RE HERE BEING
6 LIFTED, VOICE AND DEMANDING THAT BAY AREA HAS MORE NUANCED
7 CLEAR VISION OF TRANSPORTATION POLICY THAT CENTERS PEOPLE WITH
8 DISABILITIES. I MEAN IT'S ABOUT TIME! THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE
9 HAVE TO LEAD THESE CONVERSATIONS IT'S NOT JUST THAT WE LOVE
10 PUBLIC TRANSIT AND ACCESSIBILITY. WE DAM NEAR DESERVE IT. IT
11 IS OUR RIGHT, OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO MOBILITY. IT IS A HUMAN
12 RIGHT. WHEN WE DON'T GET TRANSIT POLICY CORRECT, WE DIE. WE
13 DIE. WHEN PARATRANSIT IS TWO HOURS LATE TAKING ONE OF OUR
14 BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO DIALYSIS, THEY DIE. WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE
15 WHO ARE LIVING, WHO ARE COMPLETELY ABLED, WHEN THEY ARE PUSHED
16 OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND MAMA IS LIVING IN ANTIOCH AND
17 THEY WENT TO BALBOA HIGH AND THEY WANT TO FINISH OUT THEIR
18 LAST YEAR BUT WHEN TRANSPORTATION AND FIRST MILE BACK TAKES
19 TOO LONG THERE IS TIME TAX AND REAL MONEY TAX ON FOLKS BEING
20 ABLE TO GET TO SCHOOL TO WORK AND LIVE AND PLAY WE KNOW AS
21 DISABLED PEOPLE REALLY A MODERN DAY CIVILIZED TRANSPORTATION
22 SYSTEM SHOULD LOOK LIKE. SO US DRAGGING OURSELVES, LITERALLY,
23 TO THE TABLE LIKE WE DID WHEN WE FOUGHT. NO RIGHTS WERE GIVEN
24 TO DISABLED, BLACK, OR QUEER PEOPLE. WE HAD TO MOVE THOSE
25 RIGHTS TOWARD US. WHEN FOLKS LAY DOWN OUT OF THEIR WHEELCHAIRS



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1 ON THE STEPS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SHINE,
2 LITERALLY, NONVIOLENTLY THE MIRROR TO BOTH DEMOCRATS AND
3 REPUBLICANS OF WHAT MUST BE DONE. WE'RE AT THAT MOMENT YET
4 AGAIN EVEN IF FOLKS WHO VOTE BLUE IF THEY HAD NOT ROLLED IN
5 OUR CHAIRS, MARCHED IN OUR BOOTS, HELD OUR CANES, WELL, THEY
6 HAVE TO STEP ASIDE AND LISTEN AND BE ABLE TO ENACT LEGISLATION
7 AND POLICY PRIORITIES THAT MEET THE NEED OF THEIR BRETHREN.
8 I'M REMINDED OF THE WONDERFUL ANGELA BLACKWELL, AND ANGELA
9 BLACKWELL IS AN ABLE-BODIED SISTER, WROTE THIS AMAZING
10 ARTICLE, AND THE GOOD DOCTOR NEXT TO ME KNOWS, THAT CURB
11 EFFECT. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS NEXT CRAZY MOMENT OF TIME -
12 - AND I'M GOING TO TALKING -- I'M GOING TO GO OVER MY FIVE
13 MINUTES. IS THAT OKAY? I WANT US TO REMEMBER THAT AS WE
14 COMMAND AND DEMAND, THAT OUR ABLE-BODIED ALLIES STAND BEHIND
15 US NOT IN FRONT OF US AND THAT TOGETHER WE LAND REALLY A
16 VISION THAT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE WHAT WE DO NOW WILL HAVE
17 EFFECTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF FOLKS WHO ARE COMING BEHIND
18 US. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME TO CONGRESS.
19 [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME TO CONGRESS! I, YOU KNOW,
20 EVERY DAY I WAKE UP EVERY DAY, AND I CANNOT BELIEVE I GET TO
21 REPRESENT US, AND NOT JUST FOLKS FROM THE CALIFORNIA'S 12th,
22 BUT AS THE FIRST WOMAN BORN BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, I HAVE A
23 DUTY TO FOLKS IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT IS SO DEEP, THAT IS
24 VISCERAL, THAT EVERY DISABLED PERSON AND THEIR PARENTS AND
25 THEIR CARE GIVERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES, EVERY DAY, WHEN I GET



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1 OUT OF THAT UBER, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY IN THE COMMUNITY I
2 LIVE IN DC LOGAN CIRCLE THERE IS NOT GOOD TRANSIT. I KNOW.
3 RIGHT? BUT AS A TRANSIT ADVOCATE, HAVING TO TAKE MY KID IN THE
4 MORNING, TO SCHOOL, AND I'M GETTING OUT OF THAT UBER EVERY
5 MORNING, BUT I LOOK AT THE CAPITAL, AND I REALIZE THIS'S OUR
6 HOUSE. AND THAT EVERY SINGLE DECISION, EVERY SINGLE
7 CONVERSATION, PARTICULARLY, RIGHT NOW, AS WE ARE FIGHTING
8 TOOTH AND NAIL TO KILL THIS HORRIFICALLY BIG CRUEL BILL. I'M
9 REMEMBERING, I'M REMEMBERING MY MOTHER BEING ON THE PHONE WITH
10 SOCIAL SECURITY AND DEMANDING THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF
11 EDUCATION PROVIDE ME WITH AN AIDE AT [INDISCERNIBLE]. I
12 REMEMBER THOSE DAYS COULD I HAVE LARGE PRESENT MATERIALS,
13 BEGGING COULD I HAVE EXTRA TIME. YOU KNOW YOUR PARENTS DID IT
14 TOO, AND I'M SO THANKFUL THAT LITERALLY THEY HAVE BERTHS OF
15 MOVEMENT OF FOLKS WHO WILL DEMAND NOTHING LESS BUT
16 ACCESSIBILITY. I WANT TO TALK QUICKLY ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT'S
17 HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON DC. BECAUSE WHAT WE REALIZE, THE BIG
18 CRUEL BILL ATTACKS US HEAD-ON. THERE IS AN ABSOLUTE TARGET ON
19 YOUR BACK, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND SIBLINGS IN THIS ROOM. 16
20 MILLION PEOPLE ARE SET TO LOSE THEIR HEALTH CARE. AND THE
21 REPUBLICANS, BELIEVE ME, THEY DON'T HAVE BETTER MESSAGING THAN
22 US. AND I KNOW THIS IS A BIPARTISAN ROOM. BUT I'M GOING TO SAY
23 IT, THEY'RE JUST BETTER LIARS. AND SO TO TELL FOLKS, TO TELL
24 FOLKS THAT THIS BILL CRUEL UGLY BILL, WHICH IS ALMOST A
25 THOUSAND PAGES, WHERE HALF OF MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES HAVEN'T



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1 EVEN READ THE DOCUMENTS, WON'T ATTACK DISABLED PEOPLE, WON'T
2 ATTACK OUR CARE GIVERS, WON'T ATTACK OUR QUALITY OF LIFE,
3 WON'T ATTACK AND DEFUND INSTITUTIONS LIKE MANY OF THE ONES IN
4 THIS ROOM, WON'T ATTACK AND DEFUND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
5 THAT WE ARE SO DESPERATELY NEEDING, THEY'RE A LIE. BECAUSE IF
6 YOU READ THE BILL, WHAT YOU SEE REALLY IS A ROLLING BACK OF
7 TIME. IT'S A ROLLING BACK OF TIME WHEN FOLKS OF POWER DIDN'T
8 SEE US AND ALLOW US TO, NOT ONLY BE HUMAN, BUT TO BE ABLE TO
9 ANSWER INTERPLAY IN THE SOCIETY THAT WE HELPED TO CREATE. THE
10 BILL LOST BY ONE VOTE IN THE HOUSE. ONE VOTE. AND I WANT TO
11 SAY, ONE OF MY WONDERFUL, DEAR MENTORS, MR. CONNOLY, WHO WAS
12 THE RANKING MEMBER OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PASSED AWAY A
13 DAY BEFORE THE BILL'S VOTE. SO, WHEN I SAY THAT THE THIN
14 MARGIN, THAT THIN MARGIN, WE WILL BE WORKING, NOW THAT IT'S
15 NOT SENATE, WE WILL BE WORKING IN IT, BELIEVE ME, SAN
16 FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, Y'ALL RAISED A FIGHTER. LISTEN, IF YOU
17 WALKED AROUND -- AND FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T SIGHTED, IF YOU SEE
18 THESE GLASSES THAT I'M WEARING, I HAD TO FIGHT EVERY SINGLE
19 DAY. [LAUGHTER] DISABLED FOLKS HAVE HAD TO FIGHT FOR OUR OWN
20 DIGNITY EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND WE'RE NO STRANGERS TO ADVERSARY.
21 RIGHT? WHETHER YOU'RE ON THE BUS OR GOING DOWN THE STREET, YOU
22 HAVE LITERALLY HAD TO GIVE ALL YOU HAD TO SURVIVE SO WHEN YOU
23 SENT ME TO CONGRESS NO AND UNDERSTAND MY DAYS ARE NOT BEING
24 SPENT ON MSNBC GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO IS DOING IT MY DAYS ARE
25 NOT SPENT AT HAPPY HOURS BLESS EVERYBODY WHO ARE DOING IT MY



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1 DAYS ARE DROPPING OFF MY BABY COMING EARLY AND LEAVING LATE
2 BECAUSE OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT. TALKING TO PEOPLE THAT WE
3 DON'T LIKE IN CALIFORNIA, WE FIGHT BAD DEMOCRATS THAT'S MY
4 TRAINING RIGHT, I DON'T AGREE WITH YOU ON THIS AND SO YOU ARE
5 THE WORST OF THE WORST OF THE WORST AND I GET TO DC AND THERE
6 ARE FOLKS WHO REALLY DON'T, I BELIEVE, THAT SHOULD BE HERE.
7 THAT'S A DEEP REALITY. AND THE WAKE UP CALL WAS REALIZING THAT
8 MY TIME IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS SHOULD, IN FACT, BE
9 EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE. UNCOMFORTABLE AS MY BROTHERS AND
10 SISTERS WHO ARE TRYING TO GET ON A FLIGHT IN A WHEELCHAIR,
11 LITERALLY DYING TO SURVIVE TO GET A WELL PAID JOB. DISABILITY
12 HAS HAMPERED OUR ABLE TO LIVE IN WAYS THAT WE NEED BUT NOT
13 HAMPERED OUR ABILITY TO FIGHT. SEVER EVERY SINGLE DAY, PLEASE
14 KNOW THAT I WILL BE WORKING AND I UNTIL I CAN'T LITERALLY MOVE
15 WORKING WITH REPUBLICANS, ON HUMANITY, AND WE WILL WIN IF
16 DEMOCRATS I'M BEING PARTISAN HERE WE MOVE FROM TALKING TO
17 THEMSELVES TO KNOCKING ON DOORS OF REPUBLICANS I WAS SAYING
18 COLLEAGUES I'M GOING TO CALL THEM COWORKERS BECAUSE THEY'RE
19 NOT COLLEGIAL WITH COWORKERS HAVING THEM UNDERSTAND THAT
20 DISABLED FOLKS IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES NEED THEM TO BE A BIT
21 MORE HUMAN GRANDMOTHERS WILL IN FACT BE IN THEIR LIVING ROOMS
22 IF THEY VOTE BIG CRUEL BILL WHEN THEY DENY CAREGIVERS AND
23 ACTUAL LIVING WAGE WE ALL SUFFER DISABLED CHILDREN DESERVE TO
24 BE IN SCHOOLS NOT REGULATED INTO A CLASSROOM ON THE THIRD
25 FLOOR ON THE LEFT WING DESERVE TO BE INTEGRATED INTO A LIFE OF



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1 POSSIBILITY WHEN YOU SNATCH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S
2 OFFICE CIVIL RIGHTS, YOU CREATE A FUTURE OF SEPARATE AND
3 UNEQUAL WITH NO NATIONAL STANDARDS. SO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
4 TALKING ABOUT TRANSIT TODAY BUT YOU KNOW AND I KNOW, AS A
5 DISABLED WOMAN, THAT ALL POLICY DEEPLY AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO
6 THRIVE. FROM TRANSIT TO HEALTH CARE, TO HOUSING, TO EDUCATION,
7 TO EVERY SINGLE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE THAT WE CARE ABOUT, WHERE
8 ARE WE IN THE CONVERSATIONS MAKING THE DECISIONS? WELL, GUESS
9 WHAT? WE'RE IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW DEVELOPING AN OPPORTUNITY,
10 AND A NEW FRAMEWORK. AND THEN WE WILL DEMAND AN IMPLEMENTATION
11 AND THEN DEMAND ITS FUNDING AND CARE TO CONTINUE THE POLICY'S
12 IMPLEMENTATION THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO SEE A JUST FUTURE.
13 I'M SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY. I'M SO PROUD TO
14 EVERY SINGLE DAY, IN MY LIFE, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT I'M
15 CENTERED ON DISABILITY JUSTICE. THERE ARE FOLKS THAT I HAVE
16 MET WHO ARE LAWMAKERS, WHO SAID I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE ON
17 THE FLOOR TALK ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND DISABILITY, I HAVE
18 NEVER SEEN ANYONE MOVE AN EDUCATION CONVERSATION AND TALK
19 ABOUT DISABILITY. I HAVE NEVER SEEN HEALTH CARE BE CENTERED
20 AROUND POLITICS AS IT RELATES TO DISABILITY, AND I SAID
21 BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DISABILITY FOLK BEHIND THE DAIS.
22 SO LET'S CHANGE THAT. LET'S CHANGE THAT, SO FOR THE
23 COMMISSIONERS HERE, FOR THE FOLKS WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT
24 MOVING INTO PUBLIC SPACE, WE NEED YOU. WE NEED YOU. AND
25 BECAUSE WE'RE SO CLOSE. I BELIEVE WE ARE SO CLOSE TO WINNING



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1 THE NARRATIVE ABOUT WHAT AMERICANS DESERVE CENTERING OUR
2 STORIES, WE WILL WIN BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TAKE MEDICAL CARE FROM
3 WHITE SOUTHERNERS OR FOLKS HERE. YOU CAN'T DO IT. AND SO THOSE
4 REPUBLICANS WHO ARE STRUGGLING THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TOWN
5 HALLS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE HEARD THAT THEY WON'T BE ELECTED
6 AGAIN IF THEY CONTINUE TO DO THIS MADNESS, AND I HAVE GOT TO
7 SAY, WE WILL WIN. WE WILL WIN. IN TERMS OF THE BAY AREA, AND
8 I'LL CLOSE HERE, WE HAVE OVER 27 TRANSIT PROVIDERS IN OUR
9 REGION. AND IT IS AN AMAZING PLACE TO BE IF YOU ARE TRANSIT
10 DEPENDENT. AND IT'S ALSO IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
11 SO, YOU WILL SEE ABLE-BODIED FOLKS TALK ABOUT THE AMAZING
12 TRANSIT METROPOLIS THAT IS THE BAY AREA. COME ON. THEY HAVEN'T
13 BEEN AT THAT BUS STOP IN THE MORNING FOR TWO HOURS IN THE RAIN
14 WITH NO SHELTER. RIGHT? THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED IN LOW-
15 INCOME HOUSING IN DEEP CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WHERE IT'S AN HOUR
16 TO THE BART STATION. I WAS A LOCATION MOM WITH MY FIRST
17 DAUGHTER, I WAS A SINGLE AND TEEN MOM, AND I MOVED TO CONCORD
18 BY THE BART STATION IN THE '90S. I WAS BORN HERE, MOVED TO
19 CONCORD, IT WAS A DEFINITELY EYE AWAKENING EXPERIENCE, AND I
20 GOT FOOD STAMPS AND I HAD TO TAKE A BUS FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF
21 TO GET \$26 A MONTH. SEE, THEY DON'T KNOW OUR STORIES BUT WE'RE
22 GOING TO CONTINUE TO TEACH THEM AND PREACH THEM AND EVANGELIZE
23 THEM FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOPS AND MAKE SURE OUR STORIES ARE
24 REFLECTED IN OUR POLICIES. TODAY, PUSH BACK ON THE NARRATIVE
25 THAT THE BAY AREA HAS ENOUGH. IF WE REALLY CHERISH THE LIFE



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1 BLOOD OF DISABLED PEOPLE, THERE WOULD NOT BE A \$300 MILLION
2 FISCAL CLIFF FOR BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT. THERE JUST WOULDN'T
3 BE. MUNI WOULD NOT BE FUNDED IN THE WAYS THAT IT WAS. DISABLED
4 CHILDREN WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE STEADY AND CLEAR TRANSPORTATION
5 TO THEIR SCHOOLS AND PLACES OF WORKSHOP. WE'RE STILL LITERALLY
6 IN A 1950'S AMERICA. THROUGH OUR MOBILITY, IT'S THIRD CLASS.
7 AND WE'RE ONE OF THE BEST REGIONS IN THE COUNTRY AS IT RELATES
8 TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. SO, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT IT IS LIKE
9 IN SELMA ALABAMA? CAN WE IMAGINE WHAT LIFE IS LIKE SOUTH OF
10 ATLANTA GEORGIA? IS WE ALL KNOW IF YOU TRY TO BE IN NEW YORK
11 CITY, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO MOBILITY IN NEW YORK CITY.
12 WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO. BUT WE'RE GETTING THERE. BUT, WE ARE
13 GETTING THERE FOR CONVERSATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS
14 THIS, WITH LEADERS SUCH AS THIS. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW THANKFUL
15 I AM. YOUR STORIES, YOUR DEMANDS, YOU HOLDING ME ACCOUNTABLE
16 EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, IT'S WHAT I
17 BREATHE TO DO, IT'S WHAT I BREATHE TO WITNESS. I'M SO
18 THANKFUL. SO, LET'S KEEP GOING. LET'S KEEP MOVING. LET'S KEEP
19 DEMANDING SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT
20 YOU HAVE PUT INTO OFFICE. IT'S TO CENTER OUR IDENTITIES.
21 SHOULD, LIKE, ANGELA BLACKWELL SAID, IF YOU BEVEL THE CURVE,
22 AND IT WAS KIND OF AN ANALOGY, BUT KIND OF NOT, IF YOU BEVEL
23 THE CURB, IF YOU MAKE THINGS RIGHT FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISABLED
24 COMMUNITY, WE ALL WIN. IF EDUCATION JUSTICE MEETS THE NEEDS OF
25 THE DISABLED COMMUNITY, WE ALL WIN. WHEN TEACHERS DON'T JUST



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1 TEACH TO THE TEXT, BUT THEY TEACH TO THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE
2 INDIVIDUAL IN FRONT OF THEM, WHICH IS DISABILITY JUSTICE, WE
3 ALL WIN. WHEN BUSES COME ON TIME AND THE STAFF ARE PAID WHAT
4 THEY NEED TO BE PAID, AND THEY'RE CLEAN AND ACCESSIBLE, WE ALL
5 WIN. WHEN OUR DOCTORS ARE TRAINED TO SEE US AS DRIVING
6 BEAUTIFUL BEINGS, INSTEAD OF A PATHOLOGY, WE ALL WIN. WHEN WE
7 DEMAND IT SO. WHEN WE DEMAND IT SO. THE LAST THING, SISTER, I
8 WANT TO SAY TO YOU, NO ONE -- AND YOU KNOW THIS, I'M JUST
9 REMINDING YOU. THIS IS THE CHOIR, I'M THE VIOLIN. NO ONE IS
10 COME TO SAVE US. NO ONE. I GUARANTEE YOU THAT BEING ON THE
11 FLOOR OF THE CONGRESS EVERY SINGLE DAY, NO ONE IS COMING TO
12 SAVE US. GUESS WHAT? IT'S US. AND I'M PROUD OF US, AND WE WILL
13 DO THE DUE DILIGENCE TO FIGHT, TO STAND, TO BECOME ELECTED
14 OFFICIALS TO SIT ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND WRITE THE
15 POLICIES ARE DUE US. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME
16 TODAY. I AM SO HONORED TO BE HERE! [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU.

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18 **NICK ROETHEL:** WE'LL BE BACK TO THE PROGRAM IN JUST A FEW
19 MINUTES. WE'RE GOOD ON TIME. WE ACTUALLY HAVE MORE TIME FOR
20 CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON ORIGINALLY. SO, WE'RE GOOD.

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22 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

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24 **NICK ROETHEL:** WHAT I DON'T WANT TO -- I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE
25 HAVE THE GROUP BACK IN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. RIGHT.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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6 **SPEAKER:** I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOU NEED ANYTHING.

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8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [MEETING WILL BEGIN SHORTLY].

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10 **SPEAKER:** ARE WE READY?

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12 **NICK ROETHEL:** COULD YOU TELL US IN 15 SECOND WHAT IS THE
13 SESSION IS ABOUT?

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15 **NICOLE BOND:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT NEXT
16 STEPS BASED ON THE IDEAS AND THE GAPS THAT HAVE BEEN GENERATED
17 IN OUR CONVERSATION.

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19 **NICK ROETHEL:** I'M GOING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. THEN WE'RE
20 GOING TO GET STARTED. FOLKS WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED IN FIVE
21 MINUTES.

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23 **NICK ROETHEL:** ALL RIGHT FOLKS WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED IN
24 ONE MINUTE. OKAY, FOLKS. NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR INSPIRATION AND
25 WE'RE FIRED UP, I AM HONORED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE NICOLE



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1 BOND WITH US. NICOLE IS A LONG TIME DISABILITY ACCESS
2 CONSULTANT AND ADVOCATE WHO HAS LED CRITICAL WORK WITH THE
3 INVESTOR GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS AT THE
4 INTERSECTIONS OF ACCESSIBILITY, ADVOCACY, MULTI-
5 MARGINALIZATION AND DEAF AND DISABLED COMMUNITIES. LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN GIVE IT UP FOR NICOLE BOND.

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8 **NICOLE BOND:** HELLO HI EVERYBODY. FIRST, I WOULD REALLY LOVE IT
9 IF PEOPLE WANT TO MOVE UP TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. WE HAD
10 ORIGINALLY INTENDED THIS SESSION TO BE AN INTERACTIVE
11 CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON AND ALL OF US,
12 HOWEVER CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON HAS TO GO DO THE WORK. SO, AS WE
13 DO IN COMMUNITY ALL THE TIME, WE'RE GOING TO PIVOT THIS
14 SESSION RIGHT NOW, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INTERACTIVE
15 CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE DO NEXT. SO, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I
16 JUST WANT TO REALLY ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO STAY TOGETHER SO WE
17 CAN BE IN COMMUNITY, AND WE WILL GET STARTED. SO, WE ARE GOING
18 TO -- AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO PIVOT AND DO THIS. BUT
19 I THINK IT'S A CRITICAL MOMENT FOR THIS CONVERSATION,
20 ESPECIALLY AFTER THAT AMAZING SPEECH AND CONVERSATION. THAT
21 WAS JUST PHENOMENAL. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE REALLY DO THE
22 CONGRESSWOMAN JUSTICE WITH FOLLOWING UP ON THAT CONVERSATION.
23 SO, HERE WE GO. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME -- GENERATE SOME
24 IDEAS. WE HAVE SOME NOTE TAKERS IN THE ROOM, I BELIEVE, DO WE?
25 VALERIE? NOTE TAKERS TODAY, JUST SO WE CAN HAVE A VISUAL OF



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1 WHO IS HELPING US OUT. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUR NOTE
2 TAKERS. AND, SO, AGAIN, WHAT WE WANT TO DO, THERE HAS BEEN A
3 LOT OF CONVERSATION SO FAR IN THE CONFERENCE AROUND WHAT SOME
4 OF THE GAPS ARE, AND IT'S IN TRANSPORTATION, BUT ALSO IN OTHER
5 AREAS, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, AS WE KNOW. AND, SO, WHAT WE WANT
6 TO DO IS START TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT, IN A CONCRETE
7 WAY, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS. USING ALL OF THE EXPERTISE IN
8 THIS ROOM, WHO -- WHO IS ALREADY WORKING ON SOMETHING THAT WE
9 CAN BUILD OFF OF, WHAT COALITIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS CAN WE
10 BUILD TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN, AS COMMUNITY, COME FORWARD AND
11 START TO IMPACT CHANGE. SO, AS WE'RE GETTING -- AS WE GETTING
12 SET UP HERE, I'LL START THE CONVERSATION WITH -- WITH THIS:
13 SO, WHAT ARE -- WHAT IS THE FIRST THING THAT SOMEONE WOULD
14 LIKE TO SEE CHANGE -- AND DO WE HAVE A ROVING MICROPHONE,
15 ALSO? THIS SESSION IS BEING RECORDED. SO, WE'LL HAVE -- IF WE
16 DON'T CAPTURE ALL THE NOTES, WE'LL HAVE THEM FOR LATER. SO,
17 WE'RE GOING TO -- SO, WHAT IS THE 50 THING THAT WE'RE GOING TO
18 DO WHERE WE WANT TO SEE CHANGE, ACTION WISE? AND YOU CAN SAY
19 YOUR NAME, RAISE YOUR HAND, WHATEVER IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR
20 YOU, AND WE'LL HAVE FOLKS COME AROUND. COMING UP TO THE FRONT
21 ROW. AND IF YOU COULD SAY YOUR NAME, AND IF YOU ARE WITH A
22 PARTICULAR AFFILIATION, LET THE ROOM KNOW THAT TOO. THANK YOU.
23
24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS WARREN CUSHMAN, AND I WORK AT
25 COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN WAYWARD. WHAT I



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1 THINK WE NEED, TO BEGIN TO GRAPPLE WITH ALL OF THE THINGS THAT
2 WE'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH TODAY, AND ALL OF THE THINGS
3 WE'RE GOING TO HEAR AS THE DAY GOES ON, I THINK WE NEED A NINE
4 COUNTY REGION-WIDE ADVOCACY RELATED NEW ORGANIZATION THAT CAN
5 GONE TO GRAPPLE WITH ALL OF THESE THINGS IN TRANSPORTATION,
6 HOUSING, AND ENVIRONMENT, AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND ALL
7 THE REST OF IT. THANK YOU.

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9 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS WARREN.

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11 **SPEAKER:** SO, I'M SHEELA DUNN, AND BEFORE GETTING JAZZED UP BY
12 CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON -- WOOHOO! -- AND ACTUALLY TALKING TO US
13 HER FOR A MOMENT, AND I WAS EMBARRASSED BECAUSE I DEPARTMENT
14 REALIZE WE WERE IN THE SAME CAMP AND DIDN'T REALIZE IT, BUT I
15 HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME CROWD. ANYWAY. I WORK FOR THE CENTER FOR
16 INDEPENDENT LIVING AS AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COOPERATOR AND
17 WHAT WE HAD IN THAT PANEL WAS A VERY DEEP, STRONG, KIND OF
18 HARD, FOR ME ANYWAY, CONVERSATION. AND THE REASON IT WAS HARD
19 IS THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GETTING OUT OF BUILDINGS WHERE
20 ELEVATORS GO BLANK WHEN THERE'S A FIRE, OR SOMETHING THAT
21 CAUSES THEM TO NOT RUN NORMALLY. AND STAIR CHAIRS ARE NOT
22 REALLY AN OPTION. I MEAN, THEY CAN BE, BUT IF YOU -- IF YOU
23 ARE CARRIED DOWN IN A STAIR CHAIR, AND ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT
24 THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BE INDEPENDENT IS STILL UP WHERE YOU WERE,
25 WHAT THEN? AND SO WE WERE TALKING ABOUT STATE AND REGIONAL,



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1 AND LOCAL ADVOCACY IN A LEGISLATIVE WAY TO -- AND IF IT HAS TO
2 BE FEDERAL TOO, THEN FINE, BUT I DON'T SEE THE HELP OF THAT
3 RIGHT NOW -- TO MAKE THINGS BE MANDATORY -- I WAS HEARING
4 STORIES OF PEOPLE BEING KICKED OUT OF THE UC -- OR THE CSU
5 SYSTEM BECAUSE BEING IN A WHEELCHAIR AND BEING A STUDENT IS A
6 FIRE HAZARD IF YOU ARE IN THE WRONG PLACE. AND I KID YOU NOT.
7 AND I WORK FOR AN INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, AND WE'RE GOING
8 TO HAVE TO -- THERE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE A MARRIAGE BETWEEN
9 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND ADVOCACY, TOTALLY. AND I'M GOING TO
10 HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO WRITE THAT. [LAUGHTER]

11

12 **NICOLE BOND:** GREAT. SO NEW COMMISSION, AND CONCRETE AND
13 LEGISLATIVE BILL WORK. WHAT ELSE? WHAT ACTIONS, WE'RE GOING TO
14 STAKE SOME OF THESE IDEAS AND SEE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE
15 OWNERSHIP OF SOME OF THEM. WHAT OTHER IDEAS DO FOLKS HAVE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE CONGRESSWOMAN
18 HAS ALREADY ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HER. AND, SO, I WILL BE
19 DOING THAT.

20

21 **NICOLE BOND:** FANTASTIC. THANKS DOREEN.

22

23 **DOREEN GIACOPINI:** I'M DOREEN GIACOPINI, I'M A COMMISSIONER.

24

25 **NICOLE BOND:** WONDERFUL.



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2 **SPEAKER:** I WANT DON'T WANT TO SEE ONLY CHANGES THAT HAPPENED
3 NOT BECAUSE MONEY TALKS, BUT BECAUSE SOMEONE IS REALLY GOOD AT
4 SPEAKING AND ACTUALLY HAVING MORE COLLECTIVE CULTURE, NOT LIKE
5 DOG-EAT-DOG INDIVIDUALISTS, LIKE PURE DISABLED YOU'RE ON YOUR
6 OWN. I'M CHRISTINA.

7

8 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS CHRISTINA.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** RICHARD SKAFF. THANK YOU. MY HONOR -- OKAY. THANK
11 YOU. WALTER AND I SIT ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
12 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT WE HOPE AT SOME POINT NEXT YEAR
13 WILL BECOME A COMMISSION. BECAUSE OF MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE
14 CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD A STAFF AUDIT
15 STATEWIDE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT AGENCIES BECAUSE WE HAVE
16 A HUGE ISSUE BECAUSE OF LACK OF ENFORCEMENT, CONSISTENT
17 ENFORCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, WE ALSO HAVE
18 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. WE HAVE A REGULATION RIGHT NOW IN
19 GOVERNMENT CODE THAT SAYS THE STATE ARCHITECT IS NOT ALLOWED
20 TO INCREASE OR DECREASE ACCESS CODES UNLESS ANOTHER STATE OR
21 ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA CHANGES THEIR
22 ACCESS CODES. LEAVING US WITH A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF ACCESS
23 CODES, WHICH I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD. WE HAVE A LIMIT ON OUR
24 ABILITY TO HAVE ACCESS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT. SO, I THINK



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1 THERE IS SOME HUGE ISSUES BOTH LEGISLATIVELY AND
2 INVESTIGATIVELY THERE.

3

4 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS RICHARD. I SEE HILARY'S HAND IN THE FRONT,
5 AND ROLAND, I SEE YOU. WE'LL COME -- WE'LL GET AROUND. WHO HIS
6 GOT THE MIC NEXT? GO AHEAD, PLEASE

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MICHELLE ROUSEY, WHAT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO MIND WHEN
9 I COME TO THESE CONFERENCES IS THE LACK OF COORDINATION BEFORE
10 ONE AGENCY TO ANOTHER, AND WE NEED OUR AGENCIES THAT DO
11 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES REGARDLESS OF TRANSPORTATION WHETHER IT BE
12 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR ACCESS ISSUES, TEA NEED TO TALK TO
13 EACH OTHER. THEY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. YOU KNOW? EVERYTHING
14 ABOUT THE LAST FEW DAYS IS PUSHING US TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE
15 THOSE CHANGES, THAT'S WONDERFUL, BUT WE NEED TO PUSH THESE
16 GROUPS TO ACTUALLY WORK AND TALK TO US IN A WAY THAT'S
17 PRODUCTIVE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **NICOLE BOND:** LET ME FOLLOW UP. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE FIRST
20 STEP TOWARDS THAT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** A LOT OF THESE ADVISORY BOARDS OF MANDATED BY STATE
23 LOCAL LAWS WHY CAN'T WE TALK TO EACH OTHER, THERE'S JUST NOT
24 ENOUGH OF US AND A LOT OF TIMES WE'RE LIKE ONE OR TWO MAN
25 FORCE ON EACH COMMITTEE, THERE IS A LACK OF COORDINATION, THIS



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1 IS A STEP TOWARDS THE RIGHT WAY GETTING TOGETHER AND KIND OF
2 PUSHING THE ISSUE TO TALK. SO MUCH IS NEEDED ON SO MANY
3 LEVELS. WE'RE LOSING GROUND. ADA WAS A LONG TIME AGO BUT IT'S
4 NEVER BEEN ENFORCED FULLY TO WHERE WE HAVE GOTTEN FULL ACCESS
5 TO THIS DAY. SO, MUCH MORE IS NEEDED. AND FOR US TO COORDINATE,
6 YEAH. ABSOLUTELY. BUT TO ENFORCE THE LAWS THAT ARE ALREADY ON
7 THE BOOKS, GET FUNDING FOR THE LAWS THAT ARE ALREADY ON THE
8 BOOKS IS NEEDED. BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES, THERE IS JUST NO
9 FUNDING ALLOTTED TO NEW POLICIES AND CHANGES IN SACRAMENTO.
10 THERE IS JUST NO FUNDING, SO THEY JUST DON'T HAPPEN.

11

12 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU FOR ELABORATING. I THINK, HILARY?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** ACTUALLY, I WANT TO SAY, MY NAME IS HILARY BROWN, I
15 SERVE ON MTC CUSTOMER ADVISORY GROUP, I'M ALSO A DISTRICT FIVE
16 REC AND PARK COMMISSION, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, I
17 KNOW A LOT OF TRANSPORTATION FOCUS IS ON PEOPLE GOING TO PARKS
18 THROUGHOUT THE REGION, MAYBE GOING TO NOT ONLY PARKS, BUT GO
19 TO LIBRARIES MAY HAVE ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE TO GO THERE. BUT
20 THERE SHOULD BE A SYSTEM WHERE PEOPLE GO TO PARKS THROUGHOUT
21 THE REGION, AND IN THE COUNTIES IN THE REGION MIGHT HAVE A
22 SPECIFIC ADDRESS. BUT ONE DAY PEOPLE MIGHT KNOW THAT, BUT A
23 SPECIFIC PARK HAS AN ADDRESS, 355 MACALLISTER. A LOT OF PEOPLE
24 DON'T KNOW THAT. PARKS, IN GENERAL, DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS.



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1 THERE SHOULD BE A SYSTEM FOR WAYMO OR BART, OR PARATRANSIT,
2 THAT PARK SHOULD HAVE A SYSTEM.

3

4 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS HILARY, SO WE CAN GET TO WHERE WE NEED TO
5 BE, FOR SURE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI. ROLAND.

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9 **NICOLE BOND:** HI ROLAND.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I SERVE ON THE MTC POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. THERE IS
12 GOING TO BE A WHOLE NEW COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL,
13 IT'S A 27-MEMBER COMMITTEE AND, LET'S SEE, THE MEMBERS OR
14 PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS COULD CONTACT THE STAFF, YOU KNOW, FOR
15 MORE INFORMATION, AND THE MISSION PROCESS, YOU KNOW, THEY WILL
16 BE HAPPY TO ASSIST. OKAY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **NICOLE BOND:** ROLAND, IS THAT COMMITTEE GOING TO -- IF I MAY,
19 IS IT GOING TO BE GETTING AT SOME OF THE THINGS MAYBE THAT
20 WANDER WAS TALKING ABOUT? OR WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THIS GROUP?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** AS FAR AS I -- I'M NOT REALLY SURE, OFF THE BAT, BUT
23 BASICALLY IT'S GOING TO BE A DIVERSE CONSUMERS AROUND THE BAY
24 AREA. SO, TO PROBABLY TALK ABOUT HOUSING, CLIMATE, ECONOMY,
25 TRANSPORTATION. SO, IT'S GOING TO BE PROBABLY A DIVERSE GROUP



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1 OF CONSUMERS TO DISCUSS MORE IN-DEPTH. SO, WE'LL PROBABLY BE
2 FORMED IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, I GATHER. YEAH. THANK YOU.

3

4 **NICOLE BOND:** IS THERE A PLACE PEOPLE CAN GO TO APPLY IF
5 INTERESTED?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. THE MTC STAFF CAN ASSIST.

8

9 **NICOLE BOND:** OKAY. MAYBE DOREEN IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON
10 THAT?

11

12 **DOREEN GIACOPINI:** ACTUALLY, RIGHT OVER THERE IS A SIGN, AND
13 THERE IS A QR CODE THAT WILL GET YOU KNOW HOW TO GET TO WHERE.
14 AND I THINK THE DEADLINE IF I'M CORRECT DEADLINE FOR THE
15 APPLICATION IS 14th OF JULY, SO PLEASE EVERYONE PLEASE
16 CONSIDER JOINING MTC'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE OTHER THING I
17 WANTED TO SAY IS, JUST IN TERMS OF THE CONCERN ABOUT THERE
18 BEING SO MANY DIFFERENT COMMITTEES AND NOT A LOT OF CONNECTION
19 BETWEEN THE COMMITTEES, ONE OF THE THINGS I'M TRYING TO DO NOW
20 THAT I AM I'M NOT GOING TO SAY OLD, BUT NOT WORKING FULL-TIME,
21 IS I'M TRYING TO JOIN A LOT OF BOARDS, A LOT OF DISABILITY
22 RELATED BOARDS, AND I HAVE FOUND THAT BY BEING ON A NUMBER OF
23 BOARDS, I'M ABLE TO -- I'M ABLE, AS A PERSON OF THE BOARD, TO
24 SEE WHERE THE BOARDS COALESCE AND TO BRING THE EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTORS TOGETHER OVER THOSE ISSUES. AND, SO, TO THE EXTENT



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1 THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE SIMILARLY NO LONGER FULLY
2 EMPLOYED AND HAVE THE TIME TO BE ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES, I
3 WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS WENDI. I LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO.
6 THERE IS THREE COMMENTS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. THE FIRST IS, I
7 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS CONTINUING IN SOME FORM, EITHER
8 VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON. BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE
9 EVER BEEN TO A CONFERENCE WHERE I FEEL TOTALLY AT HOME WITH
10 PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME. THE SECOND THING IS, IN THE CITY OF SAN
11 FRANCISCO, FUNDING FOR SENIOR AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IS
12 COMMINGLED. THE SENIORS ARE VERY ORGANIZED AND EVERYWHERE, BUT
13 IT'S NOT TRUE OF THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY. AND A LOT OF THE
14 SENIOR CENTERS COULD ALSO SERVE AS DISABILITY CENTERS WHERE
15 PEOPLE COULD COME, BUT ME, MYSELF, IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
16 MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SOME YEARS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, THERE IS A
17 NAME CHANGE TO DEPARTMENT OF VISIBILITY AND SENIOR SERVICES;
18 AND THE NAME HAS CHANGED, BUT NOT VERY MUCH HAS CHANGED. AND
19 PEOPLE IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY. AND, LASTLY, I THINK A
20 WAY, POSSIBLY, TO DO THIS IS FOR SOME WAY FOR THERE TO BE,
21 LIKE, A LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NEWLY DISABLED.
22 YOU KNOW? MAYBE THAT COULD LEAD INTO AN INTERNSHIP FORMULATED,
23 SO THAT WE HAVE A CONTINUAL PIPELINE OF PEOPLE WHO CAN WHO CAN
24 COME INTO THIS WORK. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS WENDI. WE'LL GO OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF
2 THE ROOM.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS MAURICE POLLARD I'M WITH THE MARIN
5 CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SYSTEMS CHARGE COMMUNITY
6 ORGANIZER. MY FOCUS IS ON TRANSPORTATION. MY IDEA IS I HEARD
7 THE SMITH SIMON STATE THERE WERE 27 DIFFERENT SERVICES IN SAN
8 FRANCISCO, ALONE. MY IDEA IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
9 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE HAS A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN,
10 MANDATORY, THROUGH ADA, AND EVERY CITY THAT HAS SERVICES, ALSO
11 HAS A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN IN THEIR STATE, OR IN THEIR,
12 WHATEVER YOU CALL IT. AND IF YOU HAD ALL THOSE VANS TOGETHER,
13 AND ALL OF THOSE AROUND ONE LINK, THAT MEANS THAT YOU COULD
14 ALSO END UP WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VANS AVAILABLE ALL DAY
15 LONG. BECAUSE IF THERE IS 27 UNITS, THERE IS 27 VANS IN ONE
16 AREA, AND 27 VANS COULD BE JUST LIKE THE TAXICABS, WITH ONE
17 TAXICAB COMPANY. IF WE HAD IT MANDATORY LIKE THAT, THEN IT
18 WOULD MAYBE NOT SOLVE THE ISSUE BUT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO
19 ADDRESS.

20

21 **NICOLE BOND:** I THINK WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN MENTIONED IS THERE
22 IS 27 DIFFERENT TRANSIT AGENCIES WITHIN THE BAY AREA THAT ARE
23 WORKING ON DIFFERENT ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVES. THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WE HAVE GOT A QUESTION IN THE FRONT, JESSICA,
2 AND THEN ONE IN THE BACK.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, EVERY YEAR, I
5 HOPE THAT WE CAN DO IT EVERY YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, I'M --

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS SHERYL LEADER, AND I AM PUTTING TOGETHER A
8 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY GROUP WITH COOPERATIVE HOUSING FOCUS
9 SO ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES CAN COME
10 TOGETHER WITNESS A MONTH ONLINE FOR NOW AND EVENTUALLY IN-
11 PERSON. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (650) 814-3247 OR
12 E-MAIL ME AT SHIRALEEDER08@G-MAIL.COM.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YEP. ONE MORE TIME. IF YOU COULD READ IT VALERIE, ONE
15 MORE TIME, FOR FOLKS THAT AREN'T ABLE TO SEE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** PHONE NUMBER, (650) 814-3247 AND E-MAIL: SHIRALEEDER
18 08@G-MAIL. AND I WILL WRITE IT UP HERE ON THE BOARD, AND WE
19 WILL, YEAH.

20

21 **NICOLE BOND:** GREAT, THANKS SHIRA. EVERY YEAR. OKAY. ONLINE
22 NEXT AND KNOW THIS JESSICA.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THIS COMMENT IS FROM LISA CUSHMAN, PERHAPS THERE
25 SHOULD BE A REGIONAL DISABILITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY



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1 COMMITTEE, OR AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TRANSPORTATION
2 AGENCY THAT COULD MEET WITH THE NEIGHBORING ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

4

5 **NICOLE BOND:** ONE SECOND, AND WE'LL GET THE MIC TO YOU. FOLLOW-
6 UP COMMENT. ONE SECOND. NOT EVERYBODY CAN HEAR YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A STATE DISABILITY AND AGING COMMUNITY
9 LIVING ADVISORY BOARD THAT HAS A TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THAT
10 MEETS MONTHLY AND WE DO WORK ON MASTER PLAN AGING TOPICS BUT
11 WE ALSO GET PRESENTATIONS FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS ON ONGOING
12 ISSUES FOR THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY AROUND ACCESS AND
13 DIFFERENT ISSUES. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO COME. IT'S AT 4:00
14 P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH -- OR IS IT
15 THE SECOND? SECOND. SORRY. [LAUGHTER] AND, SO, I ENCOURAGE
16 PEOPLE TO COME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT
17 THAT. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR RECRUITMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS THIS
18 FALL. THANK YOU.

19

20 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK, VALERIE, I'M
21 GOING TO ASK YOU A QUESTION AGAIN. IS THERE A WAY TO COLLECT
22 SOME OF THESE RESOURCES THAT FOLKS ARE MENTIONING AND SEND
23 THEM OUT AS PART OF THE CONFERENCE AFTERWARDS? COULD WE MAKE
24 THAT AN ACTION ITEM? PERFECT.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** FOLKS, WE ALSO HAVE NOTE CARDS SO IF IT'S SOMETHING
2 SPECIFIC MAYBE A STAFF PERSON WILL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU SO WE
3 CAN MAKE SURE TO WRITE IT AND CAPTURE IT SO IT'S WRITTEN. FOR
4 ALL OF US SOMETIMES IT'S HARD FOR US TO HEAR.

5

6 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS VALERIE FOR THAT. JESSICA UP NEXT? GO
7 AHEAD. PLEASE. PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS DEIRDRE, I WORK FOR THE SAN
10 FRANCISCO ENVIRONMENT AM DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO FOR THE
11 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF, AND ALSO PART OF THE DEAF
12 EXPERT GROUP JUST AFTER -- AND ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE BEEN
13 SEEING AND LEARNING A LOT AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE OF IS
14 WORKSHOP TRAININGS ON HOW TO BE A LEADER AND HOW TO SHOW UP IN
15 THESE SPACES, AND ALSO PROVIDING MORE ABOUT MEETINGS TO
16 ACTIVATE AND IN ORDER TO MOBILIZE IN ORDER FOR THIS COURSE TO
17 BE ABLE TO COME TO GATHER BECAUSE I'M NOT SEEING ENOUGH PEOPLE
18 IN THIS SPACE, PEOPLE WHO DON'T FEEL HEARD OR SEEN, AND THIS
19 IS A SPACE FOR THEM TO BE PART OF, MAYBE AN INTERACT OF
20 WORKSHOP, OR EVENTS FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER TOGETHER, MAYBE ON
21 ACCESSIBLE CLIMATE ACTION DAY EVENT, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
22 IT COULD REALLY BE A PATH FORWARD TO PRACTICE AND DO WHAT YOU
23 HAVE LEARNED AND PUT INTO PLAY IN PRACTICE.

24



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1 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU DEIRDRE. OKAY. WHERE IS THE MICROPHONE
2 AT THE MOMENT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LISA IRVING AND I HAVE TWO THOUGHTS TO
5 SHARE. ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE COMMENTS I'M HEARING ABOUT
6 LEADERSHIP. SO, I WAS TRAINED AS A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST,
7 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SIMILAR MODEL BEING USED HERE IN
8 CALIFORNIA. WITH PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST, IT'S BASICALLY
9 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES WHO ARE TRAINED TO
10 TEACH PEER ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT. AND IN TURN, THEY TRAIN OTHER
11 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISBELIEVES TO BECOME PEER
12 SUPPORT SPECIALISTS, AND THEN WE ARE ROLE MODELS FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES. SO, I SEE
14 A POSSIBILITY WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING HERE IN CALIFORNIA
15 WHERE MAYBE OUR SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCACIES COME UP WITH A
16 CURRICULUM TO TRAIN ADVOCATES OR LEADERS AND THEN WE ALSO
17 BECOME ROLE MODELS FOR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S ONE
18 IDEA I HAVE. THE NEXT SUGGEST SUGGESTION I HAVE, I
19 PARTICIPATED IN THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP
20 AND ONE OF THE TOPICS THAT CAME UP WAS THE DREADED DRIVER'S
21 LICENSE REQUIREMENT. IN CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY THERE WAS
22 LEGISLATION PASSED, I THINK IT WAS 1105, MIGHT BE, AB1105,
23 WHERE BASICALLY AN EMPLOYER CAN'T EXCLUDE A PERSON BY
24 REQUIRING A DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENT THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE
25 TO JUSTIFY IT. MY SUGGESTION IS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE



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1 CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ALONG
2 WITH A STATEWIDE EFFORT WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FROM CENTERS
3 FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND THEIR SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCATES AND
4 MAYBE PEOPLE WITH -- ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES, TO ENFORCE THIS
5 LAW WITH ANYBODY WHO HOSTS JOBS IN CALIFORNIA, I'M THINKING OF
6 INDEED AND GLASS DOOR AND OTHER LISTING WITH JOB INFORMATION
7 BECAUSE IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK TO SEND E-MAILS AND MAKE PHONE
8 CALLS AND COMMUNICATE WITH HR PEOPLE WHEN THEY POST THE
9 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENT. AND I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE
10 MY RESPONSIBILITY, BUT I'M WILLING TO SERVE ON AN ADVISORY
11 COMMITTEE ALONG WITH A STRONG STRUCTURE, SUCH AS THE
12 CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. AND
13 I THINK THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THERE ARE SO MANY
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEES. AND I HAVE SERVED ON A NUMBER OF THEM,
15 AND I ACTUALLY KIND OF CRINGE WHEN I THINK ABOUT SERVING ON AN
16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME IT FEELS LIKE I'M
17 THE TOKEN DISABLED PERSON AND THEY'RE CHECKING THE BOXES.

18

19 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER
20 AND BE VISIBLE IN COMMUNITY LIKE THIS. ONE OF THE MANY
21 REASONS. LET'S TAKE A FEW MORE IDEAS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A
22 TIME CHECK.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. OH THAT WAS LOUD. MY NAME IS JESSICA, IT'S GREAT
25 TO BE HERE WITH YOU ALL I'M GLAD TO SEE EVERYONE IN THE ROOM



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1 THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT CONNECTIONS, AND EVERYONE IS LIKE
2 LET'S GO, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE GOT THIS MAGIC BUT THANK YOU
3 TO ALL THE PRESENTERS AND ORGANIZERS FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN.
4 TO ME THERE ARE THINGS THAT STAND OUT EVERYBODY IS CLEAR THAT
5 IT'S THIS IS A TIME THAT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO INCREASE
6 FUNDING FOR THINGS WE NEED BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP TALKING ABOUT
7 IT BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO NEED FUNDING, BUT IT'S GREAT BUT
8 WHAT CAN WE DO TO DO THINGS THAT DON'T TAKE A LOT OF FUNDING.
9 HOUSING THING THIS MORNING GOT ME THINKING ABOUT RENT CONTROL
10 AND MORATORIUMS, WE NEED TO PUSH OUR LOCAL AND STATE
11 LEGISLATORS BECAUSE THERE IS THIS SENSE OF CAPITULATION WHAT
12 IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE
13 STATE BUDGET AND TALKING ABOUT TAKING MEDICAL FROM
14 UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AND WE NEED TO SAY THIS IS IN THE OKAY
15 THIS IS THE TIME TO BE STANDING UP FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
16 RIGHT? SO REALLY GETTING OUR LEGISLATORS OUT THERE TO DO WHAT
17 THEY CAN, MAKE THEM REALIZE WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN THIS MOMENT, AS
18 THINGS ARE TERRIBLE. THIS IS ALSO GOING TO BE A TIME WE'RE
19 GOING TO NEED MUTUAL AID WHERE WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT GETTING IT
20 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, NOT FROM STATE GOVERNMENT, NOT
21 FROM FOUNDATIONS. BUT THERE IS A LOT OF US WHO CARE FOR EACH
22 OTHER AD WE'RE IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE CARE AND
23 FIGURING OUT HOW WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER IS POSSIBLE AND
24 CRITICAL. LASTLY, I LIKED WARREN'S POINT, UNLESS I HEARD IT
25 WRONG, I THOUGHT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT A COMMISSION, I'M THE



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1 PERSON WHO TALKS ABOUT THERE IS SO MANY ADVISORY COMMITTEES,
2 AND, LIKE, APPRECIATE PEOPLE DOING THAT, BUT THERE IS A LEVEL
3 OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN OUTSIDE OF THAT.
4 FOR FOLKS IN SAN FRANCISCO I WOULD URGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED
5 WITH SENIOR DISABILITY ACTION THERE ARE STAFF HERE THAT YOU
6 CAN TALK TO ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANIZING THAT
7 THEY'RE DOING. AND BEYOND SAN FRANCISCO, I WOULD LOVE TO WORK
8 WITH FOLKS TO ORGANIZE BAY AREA WIDE AND POTENTIALLY STATEWIDE
9 TO DO A LOT THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. IF ANYONE IS
10 INTERESTED COME TALK TO ME LATER AND I CAN CERTAINLY SHARE MY
11 INFORMATION.

12

13 **NICOLE BOND:** GREAT. CAN WE COME TOWARDS THE FRONT WE HAVE HAD
14 A COMMENT FOR QUITE A WHILE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH I WAS HOLDING MY HAND UP FOR SO
17 LONG I WANT SURE I WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD UP THE MIC MY HAND
18 WAS HURTING SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER] BUT ONE THING I WOULD REALLY
19 LIKE, THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF FOR ON-DEMAND TRANSIT. SO I
20 WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE THAT AS A CONCRETE THING THAT WE
21 WANT TO ESTABLISH AS PART OF THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT,
22 AS PART OF THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION. BECAUSE A LOT OF THE
23 TIMES WHAT I SEE IN THE GOALS AND STUFF, THEY'RE ALL GREAT
24 STUFF, IT'S NOT REALLY PINNED DOWN TO ANY REALLY CONCRETE
25 POLICY. ON-DEMAND TRANSIT IS SOMETHING THAT IS A CONCRETE



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1 POLICY, IT'S ACHIEVABLE, THE TECHNOLOGY IS THERE, IT DOES NOT
2 COST -- IN FACT IT'S COSTING MORE FUNDING, REALLY MAKING
3 THINGS MORE EFFICIENT AND THIS IS A REALLY CONCRETE THING THIS
4 WE CAN PUT DOWN THERE, AND I REALLY WANT IT DOWN THERE ALSO
5 PARTLY BECAUSE IT'S STARTING TO BE AGAIN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO
6 WALK BACK THE 10% FOR TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION. AND, FRANKLY,
7 I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. SO, I WANT CONCRETE GOALS IN
8 THERE. SO, IF YOU COULD PUT THAT IN, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE ALSO HAVE AN ONLINE COMMENT.

14

15 **NICOLE BOND:** PLEASE GO AHEAD AND READ THE ONLINE COMMENT.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THIS COMMENT IS FROM LISA CUSHMAN. PERHAPS
18 THERE SHOULD BE A RE-- OH SORRY. THERE IS A LOT OF
19 TRANSPORTATION POLICY EXPERTISE AT THIS CONFERENCE,
20 TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES SHOULD POST JOBS THAT ENACT DISABILITY
21 TRANSPORTATION POLICY IN ONLINE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE WITH
22 DISABILITIES CONGREGATE.

23

24 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OTHER COMMENTS?

25 THERE IS A FEW IN THE BACK AND IN THE MIDDLE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI. WALTER PARK. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE
3 GATHERING. I CAN'T BELIEVE THE ENERGY THAT WE HAVE GIVEN EACH
4 OTHER. THERE IS GRIEVE, AND THERE IS JOY, AND IT'S FANTASTIC.
5 NOW'S THE TIME AND HERE IS THE PLACE, I WANT TO ENDORSE WHAT
6 WARREN CUSHMAN SAID, WE NEED AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S BAY AREA
7 WIDE BUT THAT CAN ALSO DEAL WITH LOCAL ISSUES WITH THE
8 STRENGTH OF THE BAY AREA WIDE CONNECTION. WE NEED TO MAKE IT
9 IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS. HOW DO WE GET FROM THE WONDERFUL
10 ENERGY HERE AND MAINTAIN IT IN JULY AND AUGUST. ONE THING, WE
11 CAN THE E-MAIL LIST, I SUGGEST ONE THING WE CAN DO IS E-MAIL
12 IT OUT TO EVERYONE AND SAY WHO WANTS TO BE ON A PLANNING
13 COMMISSION FOR WARREN'S COMMISSION, I WANT TO ENDORSE THE
14 ADVISORY GROUPS I HATE CALLING THEM ADVISORY GROUPS I LIKE TO
15 CALL THEM WORKING GROUPS, THIS GROUP NEEDS TO BE IN AS A
16 WORKING GROUP AND BECOME FORMAL AND LARGER. I DON'T KNOW HOW
17 TO DO IT BUT HERE WE ARE.

18

19 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS WALTER. HANG ON FROM THE MIC. ONE SECOND.
20 DO YOU WANT TO DO A FOLLOW UP COMMENT REAL QUICK. GO AHEAD.
21 COMING AROUND. THERE WE GO.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YEAH F WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE NEW BOARD AND
24 COMMISSIONS CAN WE JUST MAKE SURE WE SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE PART OF THOSE IN A WAY THAT MAKES GROUPS PRODUCTIVE SO



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1 THEY'RE NOT USING THEIR OPEN RESOURCES TO BE PART OF THOSE
2 GROUPS OF DSL SUPPORT, WHATEVER THEY NEED THAT WAY SO THOSE
3 GROUPS CAN FUNCTION IN A WAY THAT THE PERSON WITH THE
4 DISABILITY OR OTHERS ARE ABLE TO FUNCTION AND WORK WITHIN.

5

6 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS. REALLY IMPORTANT. WE'RE GOING TO GO
7 TOWARDS THE BACK AND THIS MOVE OUR WAY BACK UP TOWARDS THE
8 FRONT AGAIN JUST SO FOLKS KNOW.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI. DYLAN FOX OVER HERE. I'M A TECHNOLOGIST WITH
11 CORNELL AND IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY AT THIS
12 CONFERENCE TO HEAR EVERYBODY'S CHALLENGES THEY'RE FACING. FOR
13 ME WHAT I FOCUS ON IS TECHNOLOGY AND HOW WE CAN MAKE IT ACCESS
14 AND I BELIEVE PUT IT TO USE IN SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH
15 DISABILITIES AND I WANT TO CALL OUT A FEW SUGGESTIONS THAT I
16 SEE FOUR WAYS THAT IT COULD POTENTIALLY HELP, YOU KNOW, ACT ON
17 SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. FIRST, WE WERE
18 TALKING ABOUT IN THE TRANSIT SEGMENT ABOUT PARATRANSIT
19 MOBILITY MANAGERS NEEDING TO HAVE PEOPLE WORKING WITH TRANSIT
20 AGENCY SUPERVISOR NON-PROFITS TO IDENTIFY GAPS, TEACH PEOPLE
21 ABOUT OPTIONS, GIVE CUSTOMIZED INFO ABOUT OPTIONS AND
22 RESOURCES AND MY BRIGHT LIT UP, LIKE, WOW THAT SEEMS LIKE A
23 TERRIFICALLY DIFFICULT THING TO DO IF ALL YOU HAVE IS A BUN OF
24 DIFFERENT GUIDES AND PDFS AND RESOURCES FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS
25 AND POTENTIALLY A GREAT THING TO TRAIN A LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL



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1 ON, THERE IS A METHOD CALLED RETRIEVAL AUGMENTED INFORMATION,
2 YOU COULD GET ALL DOCUMENTS FROM A SPECIFIC TRANSIT AGENCY FOR
3 EXAMPLE, AND HAVE IT EASILY IN A NATURAL LANGUAGE PULL
4 INFORMATION FROM THAT AND THAT COULD BE A GREAT TOOL FOR
5 EITHER THE MOBILITY MANAGERS THEMSELVES OR FOR PEOPLE SEEKING
6 STRAIGHT ANSWERS AND NOT JUST KIND OF A GIANT LIST OF
7 DOCUMENTS FOR THEM TO DIG THROUGH THEMSELVES. I THINK THERE IS
8 ALSO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THINGS LIKE OPTIMIZING PARATRANSIT
9 ROUTES. I HEARD, I THINK IT WAS LIZ TALK ABOUT FEELING REALLY
10 UNHEARD WITH CURB CUT COMPLAINTS UNTIL THEY GOT A MAP OF HERE
11 IS ALL THE PLACES PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. I THINK
12 THERE ARE AI TOOLS NOW THAT CAN MAKE IT EASY TO GOOD GET DATA
13 VISUALIZATIONS SO A LOT OF DATA THAT IS GAP BEING GATHERED
14 WITHOUT NEEDING A SPECIALIST TO SAY HELP ME PUT IN FORMAT
15 PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND AND THEN MAKE PEOPLE FEEL HEARD AND
16 UNDERSTAND WHAT ALL THE DATA WE ARE GATHERED IS. A COUPLE MORE
17 ENTREPRENEURSHIP THERE IS A SECTION FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND JOB
18 SEEKERS. BUT FOR NOW, I'LL SAY THERE IS A LOT OF NEED FOR
19 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THERE ARE SO MANY ADVISORY COMMITTEES WE
20 HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL OF
21 THOSE. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE A DISCORD WHICH IS A
22 POPULAR ONLINE TOOL FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. OKAY YEAH, WE
23 DEFINITELY HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING ACCESSIBLE I HAVE
24 HEARD IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCREEN READERS, WHATEVER, DISCORD,
25 SLACK, SOMETHING ELSE, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A TOOL BEYOND E-



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1 MAIL I KNOW WE ALL USE AND LOVE E-MAIL BUT E-MAIL IS VERY
2 DIFFICULT FOR THIS TYPE OF APPLICATION. RIGHT? SO WE NEED
3 SOMETHING, THERE IS DISCORD OR SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS A
4 PLATFORM, PEOPLE TO COMMUNICATE. SOMEONE SAID WE NEED TO CHAT,
5 IS THERE A WHAT TO START FROM A BETTER PLATFORM COME SEEK ME
6 OUT. LET'S CHAT HAPPY TO ADD MY OWN SKILL SET TO THIS BUT I
7 WOULD LOVE TO GET SOMETHING WHERE WE CAN HAVE A COMMUNITY NOT
8 JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHOSE ON WHICH COMMITTEE YOU CAN
9 HAVE A SPACE ONLINE WHERE WE CAN ALL TALK FREE. SO, YEAH,
10 THIS, SORT OF, FORUM, ET CETERA. SO, ANYWAY, OTHER
11 POSSIBILITIES, BUT JUST WANTED TO PUT MY TWO CENTS IN.

12

13 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE, IN THIS SESSION, WE
14 HAVE ABOUT 20 MINUTES LEFT IN THE SESSION. THIS HAS BEEN
15 FANTASTIC SO FAR. JUST KEEP GOING. JUST TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE
16 WE ARE, THEN WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS TOWARDS THE
17 END OF THE SESSION TOO. BUT LET'S GATHER A FEW MORE IDEAS THEN
18 TALK ABOUT A FEW MORE CONCRETE NEXT STEPS FOLKS WANT TO TAKE
19 TO REALLY TAKE THIS ENERGY AND MOVE IT FORWARD SO WE DON'T
20 LOSE IT. WHO'S NEXT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MIA SATYA AND I WANT TO PIGGYBACK
23 ON WHAT JESSICA SAID EARLIER. SO WE'RE FROM SENIOR AND
24 STABILITY ACTION IN SAN FRANCISCO, IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD OF US
25 WE'RE ONE OF THE LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING FREE MUNI FOR



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1 SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND ONE OF OUR FOCUSES
2 IS ON TRANSPORTATION. AND I'M ONE OF THE TRANSIT ORGANIZERS.
3 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW, AFFECTS
4 NOT ONLY DISABLED PEOPLE BUT EVERYONE IF OUR COMMUNITY, SO
5 MUNI IS FACING A MASSIVE DEFICIT AND THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF
6 PROPOSED SERVICE CUTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPPOSING, BECAUSE WE
7 KNOW THAT A LOT OF THE BUSES ARE ALREADY CROWDED AND WHEN THEY
8 GET MORE CROWDED, FOLKS WHO USE MOBILITY DEVICES ARE NOT ABLE
9 TO GET ON THE BUS SAFELY. SO, WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN WHEN BUSES
10 GO FROM EIGHT MINUTES TO 15 MINUTE WAIT TIMES, THAT THEY ARE A
11 LOT MORE CROWDED. SO, WE ARE COFOUNDERS OF THE MUNI FOREVER
12 NOW CAMPAIGN THAT IS RESISTING THESE SERVICE CUTS, SO WE WOULD
13 LOVE FOR YOU TO BE PART OF THAT CAMPAIGN YOU CAN COME TALK TO
14 ME I'M WEARING ALL BLACK WITH AN SCA PIN AND YOU CAN ALSO GONE
15 TO MUNI.ORG AND SIGN UP FOR UPDATES WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BE
16 PART OF THAT THEN EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY FROM 2 TO 4, UNLESS IT'S
17 LIKE CHRISTMAS WE HAVE A TRANSIT MEETING ONLINE WE WOULD LOVE
18 FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING TO TALK ABOUT OTHER TRANSIT
19 ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU IN YOUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **GABRIEL BORDEN:** THANK YOU. THAT IS A LOT OF RESOURCES. THANK
22 YOU. NEXT IN THE BACK, I BELIEVE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, MARTIN SMITH, TAXI DRIVER
25 JUST WANTED TO MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT THE RAMP TAXIS. IN SAN



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1 FRANCISCO, WE HAVE ABOUT 100 CAMP TAXIS AND THEY DO A PRETTY
2 GOOD JOB OF MAKING THEIR PICK UPS, AND AT TIMES THEY'RE
3 STRETCHED OUT, AND I SUGGESTED THERE BE SOME, SORT OF, HOTLINE
4 THAT WE COULD -- THAT IF YOU CALL A CAB -- YOU LOOK FOR A CAB
5 AND IT'S EMPTY, AND WITH TECHNOLOGY TODAY, YOU CAN LOOK ON THE
6 SCREEN TO SEE WHERE THE EMPTY RAMP TAXIS ARE, AND WE SHOULD,
7 IN THE BAY AREA, I THINK IT'S AB 115 -- I'M NOT SURE ABOUT
8 THAT. DON'T QUOTE ME, THAT SAYS THAT YOU CAN ORDER A CAB FROM
9 SAN FRANCISCO TO GO IN INTO, SAY, LIKE, OAKLAND, OR SAN MATEO,
10 OR EVEN MARIN COUNTY, AND MY SUGGESTION FOR THE CITIES THAT
11 DON'T HAVE A LARGE RAMP PRESENCE, SHOULD -- OR SHOULD PURSUE
12 MAKING A CAB -- DEVELOPING A CAB COMPANY THAT HAS THE ABILITY
13 TO GET RAMP TAXES FOR THE PEOPLE IN DISABILITY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS VERY MUCH. CENTRALIZED DISPATCH IS
16 SOMETHING THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY WANTED FOR A LONG TIME. A LOT
17 OF PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM KNOW THAT. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
18 TOWARD THE -- SORRY. YOU'RE BEHIND THE POLE.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I'M BEHIND THE POLE.

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22 **NICOLE BOND:** SORRY.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS EDDIE DUARTE WITH THE MISSION RADIO
25 PROGRAM A PROGRAM OUT OF KPFA I UNDERSTAND THERE IS GOING TO



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1 BE SOME RESOLUTIONS PASS THE AT THE FINAL SESSION OF THESE
2 MEETINGS AND I HOPE THERE IS A RESOLUTION THAT THIS GROUP
3 PASSES A SUPPORTING POSITION ON SUPPORTING OUR IMMIGRANTS IN
4 THIS COUNTRY.

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6 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE CAN GO BACK TO -- WE'RE GOING
7 TO GO BACK TO ZOOM. AND THEN I'M GOING TO -- WE'RE GOING TO GO
8 AROUND TO TALK WITH ANYONE WHO HASN'T SPOKEN YET, AS WE'RE
9 STARTING TO CLOSE OUT HERE. LET'S GO TO ZOOM. WHAT HAPPENED?
10 OH WE LOST A MICROPHONE. CAN YOU HEAR ME? GREAT. I'LL READ OFF
11 A COUPLE COMMENTS FIRST ONE IS FROM SHERYL DAMICO SAN
12 FRANCISCO HAS AN EXCELLENT PARATRANSIT SYSTEM CONSISTING OF SF
13 ACCESS GROUP VAN FOR AGENCIES TAXI AND RAMP TAXI PARENTHESSES
14 FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS, PARENTHESSES MUST BE ADA ELIGIBLE, I SEE
15 MARTI SMITH TALKING ABOUT IT NOW, THAT WAS A RETRO COMMENT,
16 THANK YOU MARTI SMITH. AND THEN THERE IS AN ANONYMOUS
17 QUESTION, WILL HANDOUTS BE PROVIDED TO IN-PERSON ATTENDEES,
18 POSTED ONLINE VIA THE ATTENDEE HUB LATER FOR VIRTUAL
19 ATTENDEES. AND TO THAT QUESTION THE RESPONSE IS YES BUT WE'LL
20 CERTAINLY FOLLOW UP TO THAT QUESTION. AND THEN LASTLY THERE IS
21 A FINAL COMMENT ABOUT, THIS GOES ACTUALLY RELATED TO THE
22 REMOTE PARTICIPATION. THIS QUESTION ASKED, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
23 SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE MTC COMMITTEE APPLICATION
24 SO THAT THEY CAN ALSO APPLY. AND, SO, WITH THAT, I'M ACTUALLY



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1 GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE KY-NAM WHO CAN SPEAK
2 MORE AND RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION.

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4 **TEDDY KY-NAM MILLER:** JUST BRIEFLY, KY-NAM MTC STAFF I AM THE
5 LIAISON FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL. THERE ARE
6 APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE NEXT MONTH OR SO FOR THE COMMUNITY
7 ADVISORY COUNCIL EVERYONE WHO IS ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE
8 WILL GET INFORMATION ABOUT THAT THERE IS ALSO POSTERS WITH QR
9 CODES WHERE YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW TO APPLY AND ALSO
10 YOU CAN JUST GO TO MTC.1/COUNCIL, AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND
11 THE APPLICATION MATERIALS THERE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COUNCIL
12 MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTUALLY ATTENDING TODAY AND I WAS WONDERING
13 IF MR. ROLAND WONG YOU HAVE ANY WORDS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
14 ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE SERVING ON THE COUNCIL AND THIS
15 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS? IF YOU'RE GOING
16 TO APPLY FOR IT BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON WHAT IT'S
17 LIKE TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL, BRIEFLY?

18

19 **RONALD WONG:** YES. I HAVE BEEN A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A YEAR AND
20 A HALF, AND IT'S FOUR YEARS.

21

22 **TEDDY KY-NAM MILLER:** [INDISCERNIBLE]

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24 **RONALD WONG:** OH [LAUGHTER] OKAY. IT'S BEEN VERY EDUCATIONAL,
25 FOR SURE. THERE ARE TIMES I -- I USUALLY JUST LISTEN AND NOT



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1 MAKE TOO MUCH COMMENTS, BUT WHEN IT'S RELATED, ESPECIALLY WITH
2 TRANSPORTATION, I COULD BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, SAY A LOT OF
3 THINGS ABOUT IT. SO, YOU KNOW, I -- I DO ENJOY, YOU KNOW,
4 BEING A COUNCIL MEMBER, AND I HOPE AS WE FORM THE NEW
5 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, YOU KNOW, I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO
6 APPLY, AND I THINK YOU WILL REWARDED PRETTY -- BUT, YEAH.
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS ROLAND, BACK TO DOREEN FOR A SECOND.

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11 **DOREEN GIACOPINI:** THANK YOU ROLAND I HEAR WHAT YOU GUYS ARE
12 SAYING ABOUT ADVISORY COUNCILS AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY AS A MTC
13 COMMISSIONER IS TAKE BACK YOUR DAMN ADVISORY COUNCIL. IF YOU
14 THINK THEY'RE STAFF DRIVEN YOU HAVE TO CHANGE IT, THE ABILITY
15 TO CHANGE IT YOU HAVE YOURSELF YOU HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH
16 THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH COMMISSIONERS WHOEVER IF YOU HAVE
17 HAVING DIFFICULTY DEALING WITH STAFF, WE HAVE A LOVELY STAFF,
18 BUT IF THEY GIVE YOU TROUBLE, COME AND TALK TO ME [LAUGHTER] -
19 - I REALLY THINK THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
20 SKILLED AT HANDLING ORGANIZATIONS AND HANDLING COMMITTEES AND
21 PARTICIPATION TO BE ABLE TO TAKE BACK THEIR ADVISORY COUNCILS
22 IF THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE NOT PERFORMING THE WAY THEY SHOULD
23 BE. I KNOW THAT RECENTLY THERE WAS A WOMAN, A FRIEND OF MINE,
24 A FELLOW PICKLE BALL PLAYER OF MINE, WHO TOOK OVER AS THE
25 CHAIR OF THE BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE. AND SHE HAD A



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1 HISTORY OF BEING A PROJECT MANAGER, AND SHE, VERY
2 SYSTEMATICALLY, WAS GOING THROUGH CHANGING THE WAY THINGS WERE
3 HAPPENING SO THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD CONTROL, AS OPPOSED TO THE
4 WAY IT FELT WHEN SHE JOINED, WHICH WAS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER
5 EXPRESSION, A DOG AND PONY SHOW. AND, SO, IT'S POSSIBLE, AND
6 IT JUST TAKES SOMEBODY, PEOPLE, MULTIPLE PEOPLE WITH STRENGTH,
7 TO DO IT. ANYWAY, I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR THE POINT. BUT, AND
8 UNFORTUNATELY, MY GOOD FRIEND CHRISTINE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY,
9 AND, SO, NOW WE -- ANOTHER STRONG PERSON AT THE BART
10 ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE -- WE NEED STRONG PEOPLE HERE ON MTC,
11 WE NEED STRONG PEOPLE ON ALL OF THE TASK FORCES. AND IF THERE
12 IS A BETTER WAY OF DOING IT, OF BRINGING TOGETHER ALL THE TASK
13 FORCES TO ONE THING, YOU KNOW, GO FOR IT. BUT, I DON'T THINK
14 THAT IT'S A HOST CAUSE. I THINK IT'S A QUESTION OF TAKING
15 CONTROL OF YOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL.

16

17 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS DOREEN. I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SEGUE TO
18 WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY NEXT, WHICH IS, SO, WE'RE CLOSING IN
19 ON OUR TIME WE HAVE GOT JUST UNDER 15 MINUTES LEFT. IF THERE
20 ARE PARTICULAR ACTION ITEMS AND THINGS THAT PEOPLE WANT TO
21 VOLUNTEER FOR, TAKE CHARGE OF, OR WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING
22 IN THE CORP, OR YOU HAVE A COMMENT IN ADDITION THAT YOU WOULD
23 LIKE TO ADD, AND YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE YET OR WOULDN'T
24 RATHER GET ON A MIC TO TALK ABOUT IT, WE HAVE CARDS OVER ON
25 THE TABLE, BEFORE YOU DUCK OUT, WRITE YOUR IDEAS DOWN. WE'LL



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1 HAVE SOMEONE ASSIST WITH YOU THAT IF YOU NEED THAT, IF YOU
2 HAVEN'T VOICED IT ALREADY. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE
3 SESSION WITH SOME IDEAS FOR WHO WILL TAKE SOME LEADERSHIP
4 ROLES IN SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT. SO IF
5 THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT,
6 PLEASE STOP AT A TABLE, WRITE IT DOWN, OR LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
7 IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW. SO, THE CARDS ARE OVER ON THE RIGHT
8 SIDE OF THE ROOM, NEAR THE DOOR. AND WE HAVE A COMMENT IN THE
9 BACK. LET'S GO AHEAD WITH THAT. HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
10 YSENIA, I PROBABLY INTRODUCED MYSELF TO A FEW FOLKS. HI. THIS
11 IS MORE OF AN INVITATION. SO, I WORK FOR FOX CITY ACCESS THAT,
12 IS THE RIDE-SHARE SERVICE THAT IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR
13 RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES AND MOBILITY NEEDS, THAT'S THROUGH A
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH SFMTA, THANK YOU SFMTA, SO YEAH THIS IS AN
15 INVITATION FOR FOLKS TO CHECK OUT THE SERVICE I HAVE SOME
16 PAMPHLETS BACK HERE I ALSO HAVE A PROMO CODE IF FOLKS ARE
17 INTERESTED. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ON-DEMAND SERVICE THIS IS AN
18 INVITATION FOR FOLKS TO CHECK OUT FOX CITY ACCESS. THANK YOU
19
20 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. AND I WAS JUST REMINDED THAT THE VIDEO
21 BOOTH IS ALSO OPEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE THAT AS A WAY TO SHARE
22 YOUR STORY OR YOUR INTERESTS. ALISIA, YOU HAD YOUR HAND AND
23 THEN WE'LL GO TO WARREN AGAIN, UP FRONT.
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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU NICOLE. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF
2 THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID HERE, WHICH IS THIS IDEA OF STARTING
3 A LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE DISABLED TO JOIN
4 BOARD AND ADVISORY, THAT -- THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. I WORK WITH
5 THE OFFICE ON DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY, AND ONE OF THE
6 TASKS ON MY TO-DO LIST IS TO FIND MEMBERS OF THE DISABILITY
7 COMMUNITY IN SAN FRANCISCO WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN A
8 COMMITTEE. AND WE HAD MOMENTUM HERE, WE HAVE A MAYOR, WE HAVE
9 STAFF WHO ARE TRYING TO RECRUIT BOARD MEMBERS, THERE IS ALWAYS
10 A CONCERN IT'S NOT JUST BEING DISABLED, WOULD MAKE US
11 FANTASTIC, WE ALSO NEED A WAY TO HAVE REPRESENTATION, SAY THE
12 RIGHT THINGS, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE AMAZING DISABILITY
13 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR MAYBE YOU ALL CAN GET TOGETHER AND
14 START THIS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY I KNOW YOU ALL ARE AMAZING
15 PEOPLE, WITH AMAZING RÉSUMÉ WHO HAVE ACTUALLY DONE A LOT OF
16 WORK IN THESE AREAS. SO NO PRESSURE THERE. BUT, THE OTHER
17 THING, ALSO, THAT MICHELLE HIGHLIGHTED THAT I WANT TO
18 EMPHASIZE, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, IS ASKING
19 FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES TO JOIN THESE BOARDS WITHOUT THE
20 SUPPORT TO PAY FOR THAT ACCESSIBLE TAXI FOR THAT ATTENDANCE,
21 FOR THAT AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, THAT GOES NEXT TO
22 THE OTHER. AND AS WALTER MENTIONED, WE HAVE A MENTOR HERE THAT
23 IS AMAZING, AND WE REALLY NEED TO CONTINUE THESE ENERGY GOING,
24 AND WE ALL WILL DO OUR PART. THAT IS AN IDEA I HAVE NOT HEARD
25 BEFORE, BUT, MICHELLE, I HEARD YOU. AND I'M TAKING THAT BACK



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1 WITH ME, NOT PROMISING ANYTHING, BUT I AM JUST EMPHASIZING THE
2 PART, THAT THE FIRST THING IS WE'RE SPEAKING UP, WE'RE SAYING
3 WHAT WE NEED, AND I AM BEGGING YOU GUYS, INDEPENDENT
4 CONTRACTORS START THAT NON-PROFIT RIGHT AWAY WITH THE FIRST
5 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TRAINING PLEASE. THANK YOU. BYE. BOND THANK
6 YOU FELICIA, I THINK DEIRDRE WAS INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF
7 EFFORT AS WELL. ANYONE WHO HASN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK THAT
8 WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE CONVERSATION? MAKING OUR WAY TOWARD
9 THE CENTER OF THE ROOM I'M JOSHUA SAUNDERS, SPEAKING -- IN
10 2001 I WAS IN DENVER FOR WORK AND ONE THING I NOTICED WAS
11 THERE WAS A BUS PASS THAT YOU COULD GET THAT ALLOWED YOU TO
12 TRAVEL ON ALL THE BUSES THAT WERE AVAILABLE, ALL OF THE LIGHT
13 RAIL THEY HAD, AND EVERYTHING. HERE WE HAVE FRAGMENTED
14 DIFFERENT BUS SERVICES TO GO TO ALL KIND OF DIFFERENT PLACES.
15 AND CLIPPER, TO SOME EXTENT, INTEGRATES THIS, BUT YOU JUST
16 KIND OF -- IT WOULD BE NICE IF THERE WERE A WAY TO HAVE --
17 THIS IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU NEED FOR YOUR TRANSIT AT THE
18 BEGINNING OF THE MONTH THEN IT'S DONE TAKEN CARE OF, AND YOU
19 DON'T FIND OUT NOW I NEED TO ADD 35 BUCKS BECAUSE I HAVE MORE
20 STUFF AND THINGS HAPPENED ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
21 LIMITED INCOMES, I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING.

22

23 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES LEFT. WERE THERE
24 ADDITIONAL MTC ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT WE NEEDED TO MAKE TIME FOR?



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1 AFTER -- IN FIVE MINUTES? OKAY. GREAT. OKAY. SO, WE'LL DO ZOOM
2 COMMENTS, THEN FOLKS THAT HAVEN'T SPOKE YET.

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4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THIS IS FROM SHERYL DAMICO, FOR ADA ELIGIBLE
5 WHEELCHAIR USERS FOX CITY CAB HAS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VANS.
6 THEN ONE FROM LILLIAN JUELE, CITY OF ALAMEDA OPERATES A PILOT
7 PROGRAM CALLED AIM THAT SUBSIDIZED ON-DEMAND RIDES THROUGH
8 UBER/LYFT THE PROBLEM THIS PROGRAM FACES IS POWER WHEELCHAIR
9 ACCESSIBLE PASSENGER VEHICLES ARE FEW IN THE BAY AREA. WOULD
10 LOVE FOR FEEDBACK. THEN FINALLY, IS THERE AN ORGANIZATION THAT
11 WILL TAKE ON ISSUES OF FAILURE TO NOT FOLLOW REGULATIONS? FOR
12 EXAMPLE, CITIES WITHOUT ADA COORDINATORS, HOUSING BUILT
13 WITHOUT ACCESSIBLE UNITS, THE DOJ, STATE AND LOCAL
14 JURISDICTIONS FAIL TO ENFORCE, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS
15 EXPENSIVE. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE ZOOM QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **NICOLE BOND:** THANKS VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO TO THE MIDDLE OF THE
19 ROOM.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** EDDIE DUARTE, IF WE WANT -- IF WE WANT DISABILITY
22 POLITICAL POWER, WE HAVE TO STOP THINKING ABOUT ADVISORY
23 COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BOARD, AND THINK ABOUT BEING ON BOARDS
24 OF ABAG AND BOARDS OF MTC.

25



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1 **NICOLE BOND:** THANK YOU. OKAY. CLOSING THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS? I
2 WANT TO REMIND FOLKS ONE MORE TIME THE VIDEO BOOTHS ARE OPEN,
3 IF THERE ARE THINGS YOU WANT TO ADD OR TAKE LEADERSHIP ON,
4 STOP AT THE TABLE; LET US KNOW. I IMAGINE WE'LL FOLLOW UP ALSO
5 ON THIS LIST WITH SOME RESOURCES AS MANY OF THE RESOURCES THAT
6 YOU ALL HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER TODAY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?
7 ANYTHING ELSE, I SHOULD SAY. ALL RIGHT OKAY. THANK YOU
8 EVERYBODY. THIS WAS AMAZING CONVERSATION. I WASN'T SURE THAT
9 WE COULD FOLLOW CONGRESSWOMAN SIMON, BUT I THINK WE DID IT.
10 [LAUGHTER] AND I THINK WE DID A REALLY GREAT JOB. AND LET'S
11 KEEP ALL THIS ENERGY MOVING. LET'S DO IT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO NICOLE FOR FACILITATING. THANK YOU ALL
14 FOR BEING HERE. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT LUNCH
15 THAT YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR. SO WAIT ONE MORE SECOND.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I GOT IT. THANK YOU NICOLE. JUST WANT TO GIVE A
18 QUICK OVERVIEW FOR WHAT IS ON FOR THE REST OF THE DAY THEN
19 ALIX WILL GIVE LOGISTICS FOR LUNCH RIGHT NOW LUNCH SERVED IN
20 THE LOBBY UNTIL 1:15 AT 1:30 MAKE YOUR WAY BACK TO THIS ROOM
21 FOR THE PLENARY CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 1:30 TO 3:00 P.M. 3:30
22 ANOTHER BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS THEN AT 4:30 BACK TOGETHER IN
23 THIS ROOM FOR CLOSING KEYNOTE WITH DR. VICTOR PINEDA. I'M
24 GOING TO LET ALIX SHARE LOGISTICS.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** AS YOU RECALL YESTERDAY WE HAD ONE LONG LINE FOR
2 LUNCH HOPEFULLY TODAY TWO LESS LONG LINES FOR LUNCH. THE TABLE
3 CLOSEST TO THE ROOM RIGHT NOW IS SELF-SERVE LUNCH LINE THEN
4 TABLES WITH THE SAME FOOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LOBBY THAT'S
5 FOR ANYONE THAT NEEDS ASSISTANCE BEING SERVED IF YOU HAVE
6 QUESTIONS THERE ARE STAFF WITH THESE T-SHIRTS ON THAT CAN HELP
7 DIRECT YOU AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. ENJO
8



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