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Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Members, Cities Selection Committee
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Re: Reappointment of Councilmember Bruins to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Cities Selection Committee Members:

We are writing to support Los Altos Councilmember Jeannie Bruins' reappointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Councilmember Bruins represents the MTC on the Caltrain Joint Powers Board of Directors (Caltrain Board). While serving with Councilmember Bruins on the Caltrain Board for the last two years we have been impressed with her demonstrated commitment to working across jurisdictional lines to address some of our region's most pressing issues. Both Caltrain and MTC are currently engaged in significant long-term efforts that will impact the future of mobility, affordability, economic development and quality of life on the Peninsula and throughout the Bay Area. Continuity and institutional memory are critical to the success of these efforts.

We have been very pleased to collaborate with Councilmember Bruins on managing the continued evolution of the Caltrain corridor. Under her leadership as Chair of our Board, the agency secured grant funds that will allow for the advancement of fully electrified service, including expanded service to South Santa Clara County; we have begun construction of the Corridor Electrification project in a way that minimizes impacts of Caltrain service and surrounding communities; and for the first time serious discussions are underway about finally developing a dedicated funding source to support the agency's capital and operating needs.

Most importantly, Councilmember Bruins has presided over efforts to launch the Caltrain Business Plan, a comprehensive assessment of future service expansion, infrastructure needs, funding requirements and governance structure of a rail system that offers perhaps our greatest opportunity to address the Peninsula's growing traffic congestion and mobility challenges. The trade-offs and policy decisions involved in this effort are evolving, multifaceted, and critical to how the region will manage continued growth demands. Developing the Business Plan requires a deep understanding of complexities that we have worked hard to comprehend over the last two years. Maintaining as much stability and consistency at the policy board level while this

work is finished will ensure that the Business Plan is completed in a way that maximizes benefits for our communities and the larger region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. With so many shared challenges and goals, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties should take advantage of every opportunity to collaborate. Councilmember Bruins has proven her ability to be a leader in this area and we look forward to continuing our work with her on behalf of all those we serve.

Sincerely,

Dave Pine, San Mateo County Supervisor, District 1
Charles Stone, Councilmember, City of Belmont
Jeff Gee, Former Councilmember, City of Redwood City



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Santa Clara County Cities Association Selection Committee

Dear Santa Clara County Selection Committee Members,

I am writing to you with regard to Jeannie Bruins' reappointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Jeannie has been actively engaged on issues that are important to the cities and counties in our region, and we need to retain members with her high caliber of expertise.

MTC's policies and funding sources are very complex, making her 4 years of experience on the commission hard to replace. I've had the opportunity to observe her during this time and have been impressed with her quick grasp of the complex transportation issues and thoughtful input to dealing with the regional transportation and housing challenges. I fully expect her to be one of the commission's future leaders.

As a former Mayor, I particularly appreciate her efforts to protect local government and her strong advocacy for solutions that address the transportation challenges we all face.

I earnestly urge your consideration of reappointing Jeannie Bruins to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Spering".

Jim Spering
MTC Commissioner
Solano County