

January 9, 2023

Cities Association Selection Committee and Board,

I request consideration for appointment as the Cities Association representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Although I was recently elected to the Campbell City Council, I previously served for over 14 years on the Council. I have continued to follow the work of MTC, and I realize the importance of Regional Planning Agencies in planning and funding transportation projects for the nine-county, 101-metropolitan area surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area. I previously served on the VTA Policy Advisory Board, and for several years I served on the Executive Board of ABAG. I understand the responsibilities of the joint work of MTC and ABAG. MTC also considers the positions of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board in their transportation-housing planning and funding.

It is important as a representative of the Cities Association to advocate for funding of programs and projects in Santa Clara County and the fifteen cities that are within California's sixth largest county. The compact nature of the cities within our county demands that we have our fair share of funding to plan for the expected increase in the number of housing units and increased population, which will need adequate transportation routes and comprehensive regional planning. I am also aware that policies and state funding may change in the new year as well as new Federal programs and guidelines. As a veteran and an Army officer who served in senior leadership positions, I am confident I can meet these new challenges.

If selected for this position, I will collaborate with leadership from our cities and the other representatives on the Board from Santa Clara County. I want to have the best information available to do this job. It would be my intention to make regular reports to the Cities Association.

Sincerely,

Dan Furtado