

**STAFF REPORT FOR CALENDAR ITEM NO.: 9
FOR THE MEETING OF: May 14, 2026**

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

On February 15, 2007, the TJPA Board of Directors approved the appointment of the fifteen inaugural members to the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee (TJPA CAC). The inaugural CAC meeting was held in April 2007, and the newly appointed members drew lots to determine which would serve initial one-year terms and which would serve full two-year terms. The expiration of subsequent terms has been staggered accordingly.

The TJPA CAC bylaws specify that members be selected to represent the following constituent categories:

1. Daily Caltrain Rider into San Francisco
2. Daily AC Transit Transbay Rider into San Francisco
3. Daily MUNI Rider on a line that terminates at or passes through the Transbay Terminal
4. Local Resident from District 6
5. Local Business from District 6
6. Environmentalist
7. Member of a Planning or Good-Government Non-Profit Organization
8. Representative from Labor
9. Bicycle Advocate
10. Disabled Advocate
11. San Francisco Based Public Transit Advocate
12. Regional Transit Advocate
13. Regional Transit Advocate
14. Member of the Citywide (San Francisco) Business Community
15. Member with Expertise in Real Estate Development or Real Estate Finance

The criteria for membership were established to ensure a qualified committee of regional stakeholders with a diverse array of knowledge and interest/advocacy aligned with the principal components that define the Transbay Program. Membership requires affiliation with at least one category, and the bylaws further specify that this mix of representations be preserved when replacement members are appointed to the CAC.

In March 2026, Gabriel Chan vacated his seat, therefore, we are recommending a mid-term appointment.

APPLICATION SOLICITATION OUTREACH

Prior to forming the CAC, TJPA staff developed, and the TJPA Board of Directors approved, an application for membership that asks for qualifications for membership, a statement of the applicant's objectives and goals, and affiliation(s) and references. This same application has been used in soliciting new members.

In reviewing the applications received from the 2025 and 2026 recruitment efforts, staff found five applicants met the criteria for CAC membership. TJPA reviewed five applications from three men, one woman, and one undeclared, who are all San Francisco residents. The applicants' ethnicity included one African American/White, one Asian, one Jewish/White, one White and one undeclared individuals. After reviewing those applications, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors appoint Rohit Sarathy as a new member to fill the San Francisco Based Public Transit Advocate seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TJPA CAC

Staff recommends approval of Rohit Sarathy for appointment in the indicated category, pursuant to Article 2, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Citizens Advisory Committee. The recommended member is an Asian male and a San Francisco Resident.

NEXT STEPS

The attached resolution appoints the recommended applicant for membership to the TJPA CAC. Upon approval, the appointed member will be invited to the next meeting of the TJPA CAC on June 9, 2026. Meetings are held at the TJPA office at 425 Mission Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105.

TIMELINE

May 14, 2026	TJPA Board of Directors Considers Recommended CAC Membership
June 9, 2026	Next TJPA CAC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution approving the appointment of one member to the TJPA CAC as recommended.

ENCLOSURES

1. Resolution
2. Application of recommended TJPA CAC Member

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2006, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Board approved the creation of the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee (TJPA CAC) and Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, The approved TJPA CAC Bylaws call for a CAC comprised of fifteen members; and

WHEREAS, The TJPA CAC first met on April 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, A seat became vacant in March 2026, allowing for a mid-term appointment; and

WHEREAS, Earlier recruitments generated an existing pool of five candidates that met the criteria of the San Francisco Based Public Transit Advocate category; and

WHEREAS, Rohit Sarathy is recommended for appointment to the San Francisco Based Public Transit Advocate mid-term vacancy on the TJPA CAC; and

WHEREAS, The recommended applicant is a San Francisco resident with a diverse range of interest, expertise and background and represents the regional nature of the Transbay Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the TJPA Board of Directors appoints the recommended applicant to serve as a member of the TJPA CAC.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at its meeting of May 14, 2026.

Secretary, Transbay Joint Powers Authority



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE TJPA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name: Rohit Sarathy
(Please type or write legibly)

Home Address: [Redacted]

City: San Francisco County: San Francisco Zip Code: 94103

Email: [Redacted] Home Phone: [Redacted]

Contact Phone: [Redacted] Occupation: Software Engineer

Employer: Everlaw Position: Sr. Software Engineer

Ethnicity: Asian Gender: Male
(Voluntary Information)

Affiliation(s) Please check all that apply.
Membership requires that you fit within one of the categories below.

- 1. [] Daily Caltrain rider into San Francisco
2. [] Daily AC Transit Transbay Rider into San Francisco
3. [] Daily MUNI Rider on a line that serves the Transit Center
4. [] Local Resident from District 6 (zip code 94105 or 94107)
5. [] Local Business from District 6 (zip code 94105 or 94107)
6. [] Environmentalist
7. [] Member of a planning or good-government non-profit organization
8. [] Representative from labor
9. [x] Bicycle advocate
10. [] Disabled advocate
11. [x] San Francisco based public transit advocate
12. [x] Regional Transit advocate
13. [] Member of the citywide (San Francisco) business community
14. [x] Member with expertise in real estate development or real estate finance

Please explain your qualifications with respect to the affiliation(s) you checked above.

(9) Organizer for Safer Upper Market protected bike lanes campaign

(11) Organizer for Props K&L (2024), multimodal evangelist

(12) Member of Transbay Coalition, Seamless Bay Area, and Caltrain JPB CAC

(14) Principal financier of a rental property

Applicants who currently sit on another regional CAC that advises on matters relevant to the Transit Center will have priority for membership on the TJPA CAC.

Check here if you are a member of another regional Citizens Advisory Committee.

List CAC

#1	Caltrain JPB CAC	Member since July 2024
#2	_____	Member since _____
#3	_____	Member since _____

Summary of Applicant's Qualifications for Membership (You may attach a resume. Please limit your attachment to no more than three pages):

Urbanism advocate and organizer at multiple levels (local, citywide, regional, federal)

Caltrain JPB CAC representative for San Francisco County

Car-free resident with strong empathy and understanding of multimodal riders' needs

Statement of Applicant's Objectives/Goals if accepted for membership on the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee:

* Identifying new and existing transit-oriented development opportunities within the TTC's walkshed

* Improving multimodal and active mobility last-mile routes to TTC

References

	Name	E-mail	Phone
1.	Patricia Leung	_____	_____
2.	Adrian Brandt	_____	_____

Applications are considered active for one year from the date of signature. Completed applications should be submitted to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority via email cac@tjpa.org or by mail to 425 Mission Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105 by February 18, 2026.

Please note that the information you provide in this application and resumes and other material provided in connection with it, may be made available to the public. If you do not want your home address, telephone number, email address, or fax number disclosed, please indicate that fact in the space below the signature line. The information will be redacted from publicly available copies. Where residence is relevant, a portion of the address (such as street name and zip code) may be disclosed.



SIGNATURE

14 Apr 2026

DATE

How did you hear about us? (Check all that apply.)

- TJPA Website/Search Engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.)
- Email
- Newspaper
- Word of Mouth
- Social Media
- Other Caltrain JPB CAC Secretary