

BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The BART Accessibility Task Force advises the BART Board of Directors and staff on disability-related issues and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and seniors to make the BART system accessible to all.

Out of three consecutive meetings, an interested applicant must attend two and then apply for membership. Prospective members may attend these two meetings in-person or remotely. Applicants must be endorsed by the members of the BATF through a majority vote. Their names are submitted by the BATF staff liaison to the BART Board of Directors for final approval.

1. APPLICATION BACKGROUND

Name: Ryan Manriquez

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: [REDACTED]

Zip: [REDACTED]

Mobile Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

2. BART USE INFORMATION

2.a. BART line or station which serves your home area: **El Cerrito Del Norte / Red and Orange lines**

2.b. What are your primary reasons to use BART: Work, shopping, leisure, school, etc.

I use BART to go to work, to go grocery shopping, to visit my alma mater at UC Berkeley, and to explore the greater San Francisco Bay Area!

Name of Applicant: **Ryan Manriquez**

2.c. Frequency of BART use:

Daily: _____ Weekly: **X (3-5 times)** _____ Monthly:

_____ Other:

Are you certified as eligible for ADA Paratransit? Yes: _____ No: **X** _____

If yes, which system: **Have not gone through process but have RTC Discount**

3. EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

3.a. Names and purposes of boards, commissions, or task forces you currently serve on or have served on and its relevancy to serving on BART's Task Force (BATF). Please indicate dates of service and the position (s) you held, if any:

Member of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC. BERKELEY. (Current)

Relevance to BATF: The Center For Independent Living has been instrumental in supporting Disabled people across the Bay Area since the 1970s. It is the first independent living center in the country to support Disabled people. Service on the Board of Directors has allowed me to have a deep trust and connection to the community that will serve the BATF as well.

Disability Rights Working Group Member at the California Department of Justice (Current)

Relevance to BATF: Service on this working group for CADOJ has allowed me to have deep knowledge into ADA and Disability rights law. This will serve the BATF to have a member with experienced legal background.

UC Berkeley Chancellor's Advisory Council on Disability and Accessibility Planning member (October 2024-May 2025)

Relevance to BATF: The Chancellor's Advisory Council on Disability and

Accessibility Planning supported the Chancellor's cabinet in making decisions regarding accessibility on campus. This will serve BATF by being a bridge and connector between transit and UC Berkeley's campus and the Disability community.

Accessibility Working Group Member for MTC Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project (May 2024-October 2025)

Relevance to BATF: Being a working group member for MTC's Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project has allowed me to have an impact at the regional level with accessibility work regarding BART. This is a project that will be expanded in the years to come and I can support as a BATF member.

3.b. Why do you want to serve on and what skills do you bring to the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF):

I want to serve on the BATF because I believe in the power of community engagement in shaping public policy and the decision-making process at BART. The BATF has a regional impact in how programs and policies at BART positively affect the Disability community. It would be a privilege to contribute to this meaningful work as a BATF member.

I bring over five years of Disability advocacy experience and a professional degree in public policy to the BATF. In the spaces that I have been privileged to shape public policy, I bring a balance of lived experience and policy expertise to every discussion. It is my hope to be a bridge between nonprofit organizations, regional governments, and the BATF to build more supportive coalitions that benefit the Disability community across the Bay Area.

3.c. How would your membership assist in establishing communication with the disability community:

My membership would assist communication with the Disability community as a trusted member of the Center for Independent Living and as a BATF member. I have learned to lead by listening in every space that I sit in. Especially spaces where Disabled people are often left unheard.

Academically, to assist with this, I hold one of my Bachelors' degrees in Communication.

Signature of Applicant: 

Date: 01/26/2026

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Please email complete application to, evanloo@bart.gov or mail the complete application to:

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