

BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of applicant: Bruce L. Yow

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 positions you held, if any:

I have been appointed on the following Boards and Commissions with the City of El Cerrito offering me extensive experience working with the public:

1. Park and Recreation Commission. 7/1994-1/2001
2. Financial Advisory Board. 8/13/2012-1/1/2013
3. Civil Service Commission. 2/17/2015-**Present.**
4. Crime Prevention Committee. 6/2/2014-10/12/20 Served as Vice Chair.
5. Centennial Planning Task Force. 4/20/2016-12/19/2017
6. Contra Costa County Transportation Authority Advisory Committee.
1/16/2018-3/22
7. Committee on Aging. 10/12/20-**Present.**

I have completed the required courses on the Brown Act, Sexual Harassment Training, and Ethics in the workplace with the City of El Cerrito and CCTA.

I have also served as a Poll Worker for the Contra Costa County Department of Elections since the mid-1980s. I served as an Inspector in charge of the Polling Booth. I will also serve in the March 2024 Elections.

I am also a blood donor for the last forty years. I have donated over 114 units of blood to The American Red Cross and Vitalant.

Since the pandemic I have been volunteering with the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank in the Community Produce Program, Senior Food Programs in San Pablo and Rodeo, and working to bring a Senior Food Program to the City of El Cerrito.

I served as a Labor Negotiator with then Local 790 for eight years representing the membership and negotiating labor contracts with the City of San Francisco. This also involved contract negotiations and occasional grievance resolutions.

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

I would like to serve by improving accessibility to the BART System to current or future laws in the conceptual and design phase on engineering projects. Then follow through with the construction phase of the project. I am quite familiar with project management and how to work with various engineering disciplines.

I have also served as a Special Education Instructional Assistant and Substitute Special Education Teacher with WCCUSD from 2/08 through 3/20 from K-14.

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

I view my membership with BATF as serving as team advisors to the Board of Directors in Accessibility concerns shared by the general public, including the disability community.

I have substantial experience with students with various needs at the secondary level. My experience with the City of El Cerrito have allow me to listen to concern citizens on various ideas and concepts that can be beneficial to the disability community ridership. Listening is an art that can shape public policy.

Signature of Applicant: Bruce L. Yow **Date:** 8/29/23