

Office of the City Auditor Joe Rois, City Auditor

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BART District Secretary's Office P.O. Box 12688 Oakland, CA 94604

District Secretary,

I am pleased to recommend Stephanie Noble for a position on the BART Audit Committee. Stephanie has a deep understanding of Government Auditing Standards with many years of experience conducting performance audits. This experience and her overall good judgment would allow her to be an effective and positive addition to the Audit Committee.

In her time with the City of San José's Office of the City Auditor, I worked with Stephanie on multiple performance audits of City departments and programs. She led multiple projects in the Office, the objectives of which included identifying efficiencies in operations, increasing effectiveness and equity of programs, and ensuring compliance with local, state, or federal regulations. Her work covered many aspects of government operations, including police and fire operations, community services such code enforcement and recreation programs, and support services such as mobile device management. Her audits often included ensuring compliance with complex regulatory issues, such as Federal Uniform Guidance for the use of federal grant dollars.

Stephanie has a deep understanding of Government Auditing Standards (GAS), not only from her experience with my Office but through her work with the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). She has led peer reviews of other audit organizations, the purpose of which is to ensure those organizations conduct their work in accordance with GAS. She is also active with ALGA's peer review committee.

Stephanie consistently showed good judgment and leadership in her work in San José. She was able to understand and identify internal control weaknesses in her audit subjects and was able to effectively communicate her findings to both her auditees and to the City Council. She can identify the root causes of issues and focus audit discussions around the most salient and important program areas. She also worked well with auditees, building up trust by spending the time to understand issues, asking insightful questions, and listening to their concerns.

For these reasons, I hope you consider Stephanie for a position on the BART Audit Committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Joe Rois City Auditor