



## EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: <i>28 Nov 2018</i> <i>Robert M. Pown</i>		GENERAL MANAGER ACTION REQ'D: Yes		
DATE: 11/20/2018		BOARD INITIATED ITEM: Yes		
Originator/Prepared by: Elena Van Loo Dept: Customer Access & Accessibility <i>Elena Van Loo</i> Signature/Date: <i>Nov 26, 2018</i>	General Counsel <i>[Signature]</i> <i>11/27/18</i> [ ]	Controller/Treasurer <i>[Signature]</i> <i>11/27/18</i> [ ]	District Secretary [ ]	BARC <i>[Signature]</i> <i>11/26/18</i>
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### BART Accessibility Task Force Membership Appointment

#### PURPOSE:

Request the BART Board of Directors to appoint a nominated candidate, Emily Witkin, to the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF).

#### DISCUSSION:

The BATF has been in existence since 1975 to advise the BART Board and BART staff on accessibility issues at BART. The BATF by-laws provide for the committee to be composed of up to eighteen members who live or work in the BART service area. The BATF by-laws also state that to become a member of the committee an interested candidate must attend three out of four consecutive meetings and then apply for membership. If the candidate is endorsed by the members of the BATF through a majority vote, then the recommendation for membership is submitted to the BART Board of Directors for final approval.

#### Candidate for BATF Membership:

- Emily Witkin, a candidate for membership to the BATF, was endorsed by a majority vote of the members of the BATF that were present at the November 14, 2018 BATF Committee meeting.
- This BATF membership recommendation is being submitted to the BART Board for consideration.
- The prospective candidate, if approved by the BART Board, will be officially seated as a member of the BATF on December 12, 2018 for a term of one year, or until the

BART Board announces appointments and/or re-appointments for a new term, whichever occurs later. If approved, the BATF will be comprised of 18 members.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Members receive a \$15.00 monthly stipend for travel to attend regularly scheduled monthly committee meetings. Additionally, members are eligible to be reimbursed for the actual cost of travel for additional pre-approved meetings.

Funds will be budgeted in the Customer Access Department operating budget (Dept. 1102491, Account 681500-Other Non-Professional Services). Funding for services in the Fiscal Year are included in the Department's existing operating budget. Funding for subsequent years will be included in the proposed annual operating budget, which is subject to Board approval.

This action is not anticipated to have any Fiscal Impact on the unprogrammed District reserves in the current Fiscal Year.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not make the appointment.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Appoint Emily Witkin to the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF).

**MOTION:**

The BART Board accepts the recommendation of the BATF and appoints the nominated candidate, Emily Witkin, for membership to the BATF for a term beginning December 12, 2018 for one year, or until the Board makes new appointments and/or reappointments for a new term, whichever occurs later.