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Subject: Marilyn Golden

PCC and MAAC members,

Wanted you to be sure you knew that we lost recently, one of the most important, nationally recognized, disabled advocates for Accessible Transportation, Marilyn Golden, who has been our colleague here in the Bay Area since the 1980's. Most recently she has been integral in working with us, on the passage and implementation of the TNC Access for All Measure and she has also been instrumental in efforts to ensure that AV passenger services are "born accessible".

But as most of you know her advocacy goes back to before the ADA when she was one of the major forces in its passage and in formulating the regulations to implement it.

I feel very lucky to have called her a personal friend as I am sure many of you did too, and we all feel a great loss. I hope that the full implementation of the TNC Access for All legislation and work to work toward Autonomous Vehicles being born accessible can be a way to carry forward and memorialize her efforts and the immeasurable impact she has had on the ability of people with disabilities to have access to all public transportation modes and services. She worked tirelessly all her professional life to make sure that disabled Americans could participate fully in society and was doing that until the end, recently drafting the nitty gritty comments from Disability Rights Advocates to the CPUC and working with us on strategies to make sure Access to AV passenger services is the norm.

Attached are links to the New York Times and Washington Post obituaries. I feel so lucky that she was a leader and a partner with all of us on the on-going efforts toward full inclusion of people with disabilities.

New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/28/us/marilyn-golden-dead.html>

Washington Post

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/marilyn-golden-dead/2021/09/29/e7f969ec-20cd-11ec-8200-5e3fd4c49f5e_story.html

The photo below is from a workshop at Ed Roberts campus before the Pandemic.

Hope you're all well miss seeing you in person.

Best,

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