

**STAFF REPORT FOR CALENDAR ITEM NO.: 9
FOR THE MEETING OF: September 14, 2023**

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

On February 15, 2007, the TJPA Board of Directors approved the appointment of the fifteen inaugural members to the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee (TJPA CAC). The inaugural CAC meeting was held in April 2007, and the newly appointed members drew lots to determine which would serve initial one-year terms and which would serve full two-year terms. The expiration of subsequent terms has been staggered accordingly.

The TJPA CAC bylaws specify that members be selected to represent the following constituent categories:

1. Daily Caltrain Rider into San Francisco
2. Daily AC Transit Transbay Rider into San Francisco
3. Daily MUNI Rider on a line that terminates at or passes through the Transbay Terminal
4. Local Resident from District 6
5. Local Business from District 6
6. Environmentalist
7. Member of a Planning or Good-Government Non-Profit Organization
8. Representative from Labor
9. Bicycle Advocate
10. Disabled Advocate
11. San Francisco Based Public Transit Advocate
12. Regional Transit Advocate
13. Regional Transit Advocate
14. Member of the Citywide (San Francisco) Business Community
15. Member with Expertise in Real Estate Development or Real Estate Finance

The criteria for membership were established to ensure a qualified committee of regional stakeholders with a diverse array of knowledge and interest/advocacy aligned with the principal components that define the Transbay Program. Membership requires affiliation with at least one category, and the bylaws further specify that this mix of representation be preserved when replacement members are appointed to the CAC.

In July 2023, CAC member Hunter Oatman-Stanford, who sat in the Bicycle Advocate seat, resigned resulting in a mid-term opening for the bicycle advocate seat. Staff determined that there were qualified candidates available from the 2022 and 2023 recruitment cycles to make a new selection. Five candidates were considered for the Bicycle Advocate seat. The TJPA reviewed five applications from one man, one non-binary, one woman and two gender undeclared, all applicants are San Francisco residents. The applicants' ethnicities are as follows: one is Black, two are White and two are undeclared.

After reviewing the five applications, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors appoint Jocelyn Thompson as a new member to fill the Bicycle Advocate seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TJPA CAC

Staff recommends approval of Jocelyn Thompson for appointment in the indicated category, pursuant to Article 2, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Citizens Advisory Committee. The recommended member is a White female and a San Francisco Resident.

NEXT STEPS

The attached resolution appoints the recommended applicant for membership to the TJPA CAC. The appointed member will be invited to the next meeting of the TJPA CAC on October 10, 2023. Meetings are held at the TJPA office at 425 Mission Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105.

TIMELINE

September 14, 2023 TJPA Board of Directors Considers Recommended CAC Membership
October 10, 2023 Next TJPA CAC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution approving the appointment of one member to the TJPA CAC as recommended.

ENCLOSURES

1. Application of recommended TJPA CAC Member
2. Resolution

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2006, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Board approved the creation of the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee (TJPA CAC) and Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, The approved TJPA CAC Bylaws call for a CAC comprised of fifteen members; and

WHEREAS, The TJPA CAC first met on April 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Bicycle Advocate seat on the CAC became vacant in July 2023, allowing for a mid-term appointment on the CAC; and

WHEREAS, Earlier candidate recruitments generated an existing pool of five candidates for Bicycle Advocate; and

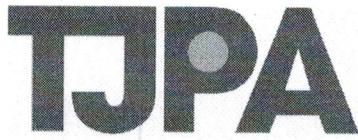
WHEREAS, Jocelyn Thompson is recommended for appointment to the Bicycle Advocate mid-term vacancy on the TJPA CAC; and

WHEREAS, The recommended applicant is a San Francisco resident with a diverse range of interest, expertise and background and represents the regional nature of the Transbay Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the TJPA Board of Directors appoints the recommended applicant to serve as a member of the TJPA CAC.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at its meeting of September 14, 2023.

Secretary, Transbay Joint Powers Authority



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Adam Van de Water • Executive Director

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE TJPA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name: Jocelyn Thompson
(Please type or write legibly)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: San Francisco County: San Francisco Zip Code: 94105

Email: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED] Occupation: Retired

Employer: Apollo Silver Corp. Position: Independent Board Member

Ethnicity: caucasian Gender: female
(Voluntary Information) (Voluntary Information)

Affiliation(s) Please check at least one.
Membership requires that you fit within one of the categories below.

- Daily Caltrain rider into San Francisco
- Daily AC Transit Transbay Rider into San Francisco
- Daily MUNI Rider on a line that serves the Transit Center
- Local Resident from District 6 (zip code 94105 or 94107)
- Local Business from District 6 (zip code 94105 or 94107)
- Environmentalist
- Member of a planning or good-government non-profit organization
- Representative from labor
- Bicycle advocate
- Disabled advocate
- San Francisco based public transit advocate
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- Member of the citywide (San Francisco) business community
- Member with expertise in real estate development or real estate finance

Please explain your qualifications with respect to the affiliation(s) you checked above.

I have been a homeowner in District 6 since 2011 and a full-time resident since 2017.

I have been an environmentalist since the first Earth Day, and for many years was recognized by Chambers and Partners as one of the top environmental lawyers in California.

I have been a member of the SF Bicycle Coalition since 2017.

Applicants who currently sit on another regional CAC that advises on matters relevant to the Transit Center will have priority for membership on the TJPA CAC.

Check here if you are a member of another regional Citizens Advisory Committee.

List CAC _____ Member since _____
#2 _____ Member since _____
#3 _____ Member since _____

Summary of Applicant's Qualifications for Membership (You may attach a resume. Please limit your attachment to no more than three pages):

_____ Please see attached resume.

Statement of Applicant's Objectives/Goals if accepted for membership on the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee:

_____ Contribute the perspectives of a local resident affected by both benefits and burdens of
_____ living near a major transit hub, and always informed by science and the legal framework.

References

	Name	E-mail	Phone
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Applications are considered active for one year from the date of signature. Completed applications should be submitted to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority via email cac@tjpa.org or by mail to 425 Mission Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105 by February 25, 2022.

Please note that the information you provide in this application, and resumes and other material provided in connection with it, may be made available to the public. If you do not want your home address, telephone number, email address, or fax number disclosed, please indicate that fact in the space below the signature line. The information will be redacted from publicly available copies. Where residence is relevant, a portion of the address (such as street name and zip code) may be disclosed.

Lorely Thompson
SIGNATURE

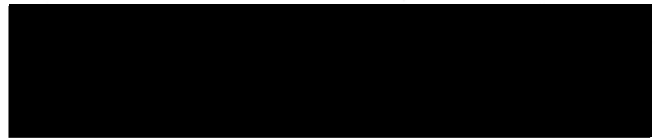
February 25, 2022
DATE

How did you hear about us?

- TJPA Website/Search Engine (Google, Yahoo, etc.)
- Email
- Newspaper
- Word of Mouth
- Social Media
- Other _____



JOCELYN THOMPSON



Areas of Expertise

Jocelyn Thompson recently concluded a 37-year career as a highly sought-after environmental attorney. She advised top-level management of government entities and Fortune 100 companies on strategies to accomplish their development goals within the constraints of environmental and land use laws. Ms. Thompson excelled in shepherding complex projects through the challenging, multistep process from conception, through environmental review and public hearings, to approval, construction and operation. She also advised clients regarding on-going compliance with ever-evolving environmental standards, especially air quality and water quality laws.

Personal Statement

I was born and raised in the East Bay, first Hayward, and then the Diablo Valley. I can still remember when BART service began on the Concord line, and as a suburban high schooler I could suddenly travel into Berkeley without parental involvement. Ever since, to me regional transit has stood for mobility and independence.

College and law school took me to Southern California. I spent most of my career working from offices in Los Angeles, but the office location was immaterial to the location my clients. I regularly handled matters throughout California and our neighboring states. I have always remained connected to the Bay Area through work as well as family.

In 2011 I began my return to the Bay Area with the purchase of a home in District 6, and I moved here full time in 2017. My husband and I wanted to reduce our dependence on private automobiles, thereby reducing associated air emissions and other negative impacts. In San Francisco, we see a city full of people and jobs, schools, culture and recreation, tied together with a dizzying network of transportation modes. I walk or cycle to stores, venues or medical appointments up to 4 miles from home and take public transit for destinations farther afield. Our car leaves the garage only once or twice a month, usually when we are headed outside the area.

I retired from the practice of law at the end of 2019, and am now investing my energies in my community. That said, my long career as an environmental lawyer makes me especially well prepared for a position on the TJPA CAC. I am comfortable reading traffic reports and transportation plans, I understand the connection between transportation and air quality, and I have years of experience in navigating planning and zoning issues. On the CAC, my perspective as a local resident will be informed by my decades of experience in transportation and development matters.

Professional Background

Jocelyn Thompson was a partner at Alston and Bird, LLP, and predecessor firms from 1989 through 2019. Her clients included businesses engaged in development and processing of natural resources, energy generation (natural gas, wind, solar, geothermal), heavy manufacturing, infrastructure and goods movement. Because California's stringent environmental programs long ago abandoned exemptions for government activities, public entities also sought Ms. Thompson's counsel. She advised on project design and requirements for environmental review under the US National Environmental Policy Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act, and other environmental and land use laws. She represented clients in proceedings before regulatory and legislative bodies with approval authority. When approvals were challenged, she worked with governmental attorneys to defend them through administrative appeals and litigation. She argued cases before the Supreme Court of California and the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, as well as trial and intermediate appellate courts.

Ms. Thompson is a member of the California Bar, and is a member (inactive) of the Texas Bar.

Professional Chronology

2008-2019 Partner, Alston & Bird, LLP
1989-2008 Partner, McClintock, Weston, *et al.* and then Weston, Benshoof, *et al.*
1986-1988 Associate, McClintock, Weston, *et al.*
1982-1986 Attorney, Exxon Company, USA.

Professional Awards and Accolades

- Ranked as one of California's top attorneys in environmental law by *Chambers USA* in their annual surveys of U.S. attorneys, 2003-2019
- Listed in the area of Environmental Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*© each year from 2007 to 2019, and as a "Lawyer of the Year" in 2017
- Recognized in the 2015 edition of *Who's Who Legal: Environment*

Professional & Community Engagement (former positions)

- American Bar Association, Section on Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law: co-chair of the Air Quality Committee; co-chair of the Water and Wetlands Committee
- California Construction and Industrial Minerals Association, legal lead, Air Quality Committee
- The Ventura Hillside Conservancy
- The Wildwoods Foundation, board member

Educational Background

- University of California, Los Angeles (J.D., 1982)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., 1978)