

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 24, 2021**

To: Austin City Council
CapMetro Board of Directors

From: Nominating Committee
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Date: March 24, 2021

RE: Nominations to Community Advisory Committee

We appreciate the trust you have placed in us, the members of the Nominating Committee established by the interlocal agreement between Capital Metro and the City of Austin, to recommend the initial members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Joint LGC Board (Austin Transit Partnership). Upon joint adoption of this Nominating Committee Report by the City Council and the Capital Metro Board of Directors the recommended individuals shall be appointed to the Community Advisory Committee and the agreement amended to name these individuals as described in this report.

The CAC is charged with “assisting the Joint LGC, City Council, and Capital Metro Board in engaging the community and advising on anti-displacement and equity matters related to Project Connect as well as to assist the community and the City Council in the creation and evaluation of neighborhood-level anti-displacement strategies and priorities and the identification of Key Performance Indicators related to equity and displacement and triggers thereof.”

The Nominating Committee was tasked with recommending community members representative of Austin’s diverse community, inclusive of geographic representation, diversity of viewpoints, experience as transit riders, connection to community/neighborhood/labor organizations, and a variety of interests and experience. To achieve these goals and this level of representation, we are pleased today to recommend an exceptional, diverse, and qualified group of eight individuals for Community Member positions and one individual as an ex officio member. We are confident each will contribute their experience, skills, and commitment to listening and engaging the community in this transformational initiative for our city:

Susana Almanza	Awais Azhar	Joao Connolly	Jeremy Hendricks
Gretchen Flateau	Theodore Fong	Renee Lopez	Brianna Snitchler

The Nominating Committee also highly recommends Alex Karner as an ex officio member and advisor to the CAC. Professor Karner has indicated he is willing to take on this role. His expertise in transportation

equity and mobility justice will contribute a local and national perspective to the work of this Committee. Professor Karner is engaged as an Assistant Professor in the Graduate Program for Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin.

The Nominating Committee received 64 applications from a large, diverse, and qualified group of individuals committed to build trust with the community and ensure that Project Connect is implemented in an equitable manner for all Austinites. All applicants have unique perspectives and skills to offer Project Connect. Over the course of the last two weeks, the Nominating Committee held three interview sessions with eighteen invited residents interested in serving on the CAC.

We were greatly impressed by their commitment to the success of Project Connect as a game-changer for equity in our community when implemented in partnership with the community. We are appreciative of the depth and breadth of the diversity, experience, and commitment to the community of all the 64 applicants in this process.

We thank them all for their interest and we hope that they will stay engaged with Project Connect.

Applications for the individuals recommended and a table displaying the diversity of the applicant and interview pools are included as Attachment A.