



Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez appointed to District 5 BART Board

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The Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board of Directors appointed Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez to replace former Director John McPartland today, who resigned last month citing family obligations. Hernandez will fill out the remainder of McPartland's term and run for a full term this November.

"I am humbled and beyond honored to be selected to serve the communities of Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, Castro Valley and unincorporated Alameda County," said Hernandez.

"As a local Mayor and Chair of two regional transit boards, I know BART can do more to improve on-time service, keep trains clean and safe for riders, and ensure more responsible fiscal management."

"I want to thank the Board for their vote of confidence. I'm ready to hit the ground running to keep our trains moving for the communities we all serve."

As a Mayor, Alameda County Transportation Commission member, and Chair of the Tri Valley Regional Transportation Authority, Hernandez has championed local health, safety, environmental and economic interests as a representative to the Dougherty Valley Regional Fire Authority, East Bay Community Energy, and the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority and Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (Valley Link) boards, where she has led regional efforts to reduce traffic on the 580 and 680 corridors.

- **Chair,** Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA)
- **Chair,** Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Authority (Valley Link)
- **Member,** Alameda County Transportation Commission

Equal access has been a top priority for Hernandez, including advocating for bus connections to BART, and supporting rider needs on Altamont-Commuter Express and the Central Contra Costa County Transportation Authority. Mayor Hernandez also serves as a top Alameda County legislative aide overseeing health and human services to Tri-Valley communities. The process for filling the Mayoral vacancy in Dublin will be announced by the City in the coming days.

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