

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: TAAC Recruitment for Terms Starting FY 2024/2025

FROM: Kadri Klm, Paratransit Planner

DATE: June 3, 2024

Action Requested

Ratify the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) appointments for terms starting on July 1, 2024.

Background

The Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee consists of community members who are appointed to represent their respective cities and Alameda County on accessibility issues facing senior and disabled residents on Wheels fixed route and Dial-A-Ride services. The TAAC also includes individuals representing public social service agencies. The TAAC is comprised of ten (10) representatives, five (5) alternates, and one (1) Alameda CTC Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) representative.

According to Section 3.3 of the TAAC bylaws “The term of appointment of each committee member and alternate shall generally be for a period of two (2) fiscal years, unless a one (1) year term is necessary to ensure continuity of membership and avoid all appointments expiring at the same time. Each member shall serve for a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms (i.e. eight (8) consecutive fiscal years). A member may continue to serve for additional consecutive terms beyond the maximum of four (4) consecutive terms (i.e. eight (8) consecutive fiscal years) if no other qualified applicants apply for the open position and the member is willing to serve. The member will be appointed as an Alternate unless there is an opening for a full voting member in their jurisdiction on the committee. The term shall be for one year.”

On June 30th 2024, terms will expire for nine (9) current TAAC members and alternates:

- Connie Mack - Dublin Representative
- Shawn Costello – Dublin Alternate
- David Weir – Livermore Representative
- Judith LaMarre – Livermore Representative
- Sue Tuite – Pleasanton Representative
- Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson – Pleasanton Alternate
- Herb Hastings – Alameda County Representative
- Zack Silva – Social Services Representative
- Amy Mauldin – Social Services Representative

Discussion

LAVTA received nine applications for 11 open positions starting in FY 2024/2025:

Dublin (1 member and 1 alternate needed):

- Shawn Costello – incumbent Dublin alternate
- Connie Mack – incumbent Dublin member
- Sue Tuite – incumbent Pleasanton member who moved to Dublin

Since Connie Mack has served over 4 consecutive terms (over 8 years) as a Dublin representative, per the TAAC bylaws staff is recommending appointing the current Dublin alternate Shawn Costello for the Dublin representative position with term expiring on June 2026 and current Pleasanton representative Sue Tuite for the alternate position with term expiring on June 2025.

Livermore (2 members):

- Judith LaMarre – incumbent Livermore member
- Kyra Aasen – new applicant

Staff is recommending appointing the current Livermore member Judith LaMarre for the Livermore representative position for term expiring in June 2026 and the new applicant Kyra Aasen for the other Livermore representative position for term expiring in June 2025.

Pleasanton (1 member and 1 alternate needed)

- Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson – incumbent Pleasanton Alternate

Staff is recommending appointing Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson for the Pleasanton representative position with term expiring on June 2026. Since there were no other applications for Pleasanton membership the alternate position will currently remain open.

Alameda County (1 member needed)

- Herb Hastings – incumbent Alameda County member (second choice Social Services)

Since no other applications were received for the County of Alameda membership staff is recommending re-appointing Herb for County representative position with term expiring on June 2026.

Social Services Agencies (3 members and 1 alternate needed)

- Amy Mauldin – incumbent Social Services member
- Jamie Renton – new applicant

Staff is recommending appointing the current Social Services member Amy Mauldin and the new applicant Jamie Renton for the Social Services representative positions for terms expiring in June 2026. The third Social Services member and one alternate position will remain open.

Six of the 15 seats (excluding PAPCO representative) will be up for reappointments in 2026, and six seats will be up for reappointments in 2025 (see Attachment 1).

Action Requested

Staff recommends the Board of Directors ratify the TAAC appointments for terms starting on July 1, 2024.

Attachments:

1. TAAC Membership Directory
2. TAAC Applications Received

Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC)
Membership Directory for FY 2025

Dublin Representation

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Donna Singer	2 years	July 2023	June 2025
Shawn Costello	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
Sue Tuite (Alternate)	1 year	July 2024	June 2025

Livermore Representation

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Judith LaMarre	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
Kyra Aasen	1 year	July 2024	June 2025
Susan O'Neill (Alternate)	2 years	July 2023	June 2025

Pleasanton Representation

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Jennifer White	2 years	July 2023	June 2025
Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
VACANT (Alternate)			

Alameda County Representation

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Herb Hastings	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
Kulwant Singh (Alternate)	2 years	July 2023	June 2025

Social Services Representation

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Jamie Renton	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
Amy Mauldin	2 years	July 2024	June 2026
VACANT			
VACANT (Alternate)			

PAPCO Representative

<i>Committee Seat</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>	<i>Term Conclusion</i>
Esther Waltz	N/A	2014	Same as PAPCO Term

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Shawn Costello

Agency (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City Dublin Zip 94568

Home # _____ Work # _____ Mobile # _____

Email address: _____

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

City of Dublin x

City of Pleasanton _____

City of Livermore _____

Alameda County _____

Social Services Agency _____

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

Elderly _____

Disabled x

A Caretaker for a Disabled person _____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

I ride Dial-A-Ride once or twice a month.

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

Yes, 3-4 round trips a week.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

To continue serving on the committee would be a great honor.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

I have over 40 years of experience with Wheels buses and knowledge of wheelchair tie-downs. I can teach drivers how to tie down wheelchairs.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes.

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

It's important that we have a great leadership on TAAC and I hope to be continually in this leadership role.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Connie Mack

Agency (if applicable) Dublin

Address [REDACTED]

City Dublin Zip 94568

Home # [REDACTED] Work # _____ Mobile # [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

City of Dublin	<u>X</u>
City of Pleasanton	_____
City of Livermore	_____
Alameda County	_____
Social Services Agency	_____

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

Elderly	<u>X</u>
Disabled	_____
A Caretaker for a Disabled person	_____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

Yes - once or twice a month.

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

Yes - once or twice a month.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

I can be a good source of information.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

I can pass on concerns.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes, my schedule is flexible.


6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Sue Tuite

Agency (if applicable) Wheels

Address 

City Dublin Zip 94568

Home #  Work # _____ Mobile # Same

Email address: 

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

- City of Dublin
- City of Pleasanton
- City of Livermore
- Alameda County
- Social Services Agency

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

- Elderly
- Disabled
- A Caretaker for a Disabled person

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

yes
I use it all the time

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

yes
I use it all the time

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

Because I can get things done

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

I can bring things up about stops
and things.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

yes

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

I love the Taac group

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Judy LaMarre

Agency (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City Livermore Zip 94550

Home # _____ Work # _____ Mobile # _____

Email address: _____

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

- City of Dublin _____
- City of Pleasanton _____
- City of Livermore _____
- Alameda County _____
- Social Services Agency _____

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

- Elderly _____
- Disabled _____
- A Caretaker for a Disabled person _____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

yes. At least, once a week

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

yes. At least, seven or eight times a week.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

I enjoy helping the general public and informing them about Wheels services and ~~the~~ policies

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

I have been on the committee for eight years, and have ~~not~~ learned much. I do not drive anymore, so I ride the bus very often. As a result, I know most of the routes. I also see what goes on on the buses, and if there is a problem I try to help the driver or passengers.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

yes. I am retired, and very flexible

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

In the mid-eighties, when WHEELS first started, I lived on the county-line between San Ramon and Dublin at Alcosta Blvd. When my car broke down, I would ride the WHEELS Bus.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Kyra Aasen

Agency (if applicable) _____

Address ████████████████████

City Livermore Zip 94551

Home # N/A Work # N/A Mobile # ████████████████

Email address: ████████████████████

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

City of Dublin	_____
City of Pleasanton	_____
City of Livermore	<u>X</u>
Alameda County	_____
Social Services Agency	_____

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

Elderly	_____
Disabled	<u>X</u>
A Caretaker for a Disabled person	_____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

I used it recently, but now I use the bus or the ParaTaxi program.

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

Yes, I use the Fixed Route service a lot. I have used the Fixed Route system since I was 16 to get to school.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

I want to be on this committee because I would like to advocate for people with disabilities.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

I'm pretty familiar with the Livermore and Pleasanton routes since I have been using the services consistently for so long. I was born in Pleasanton and have lived in Livermore my whole life.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes, I will be able to. My schedule is flexible.

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

In the Adults with Disabilities Paid Internship Program I attend, I have taught other interns and staff how to use public transportation and the PEX cards.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name. Carmen Rivera Hendrickson

Agency (if applicable)___Pleasanton

Address

- City___Pleasanton,CA

Zip 94688_____

Home # _____ Work # _____

Mobile # _____

Email address: _____

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?

(May check more than one, if applicable.)

City of Dublin	_____
City of Pleasanton	_____ X _____
City of Livermore	_____
Alameda County	_____
Social Services Agency	_____

You are eligible for your position because you are I live in pleasanton

A resident of the City or County and are

Elderly	_____
Disabled	_____ X _____
A Caretaker for a Disabled person	_____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often? Yes I do use the system.

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often? Yes, when not able get a ride tru Dial-a-Ride I do use it.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee? I have work with several politician in coloration to achieve better transportation for are community.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee? I have work on budgets, planing as well developers to make it better.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes , I can be at the meeting. Very.

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

Well I have dedicated my time on is committee for more 18 years.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name HERB HOSTINGS

Agency (if applicable) [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City DUBLIN Zip [REDACTED]

Home # [REDACTED] Work # [REDACTED] Mobile # [REDACTED]

Email address: _____

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

- City of Dublin
- City of Pleasanton
- City of Livermore
- Alameda County
- Social Services Agency

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

- Elderly
- Disabled
- A Caretaker for a Disabled person

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley _____

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

YES, REGULARLY

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING
SERVICES WITH BOTH DIAL
FIXED ROUTE

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

SEVERAL TRANSIT COMMITTEES
20+ YEAR MEMBER

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

YES

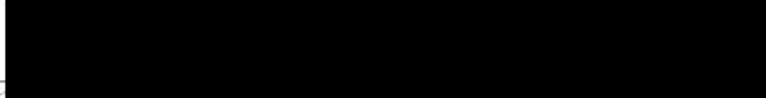
6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

APPLICATION FOR TAAC MEMBERSHIP

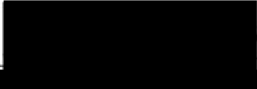

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Amy Mauldin

Agency (if applicable) RCEB

Address 

City San Leandro Zip _____

Home # _____ Work #  Mobile # 

Email address: 

Which of the following open positions are you applying for?
(May check more than one, if applicable.)

City of Dublin _____

City of Pleasanton _____

City of Livermore X 2nd choice

Alameda County _____

Social Services Agency X 1st choice

You are eligible for your position because you are

A resident of the City or County and are

Elderly _____

Disabled _____

A Caretaker for a Disabled person _____

Or

Employed in Social Services in the Tri Valley X

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

~~Yes~~ Yes, for their community based Adult programs

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

Yes, to School and back

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

To be an advocate for my clients with transportation need.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

Background with disabled client & their needs.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes, Supervisor agreed

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

I have been a committee member for 10 years. I have a passion to improve the lives of disabled clients

1. Do you or your clients use Dial-A-Ride? If yes, how often?

Each year, many of my interns use Dial-A-Ride and the Para-Taxi program daily to get to and from our program. We want to incorporate the Para-Taxi program to get our interns to and from our job sites so that our job coaches don't have to drive them. Some of them also use the Paratransit One-Seat Regional Ride program for recreational use.

2. Do you or your clients use Fixed Route service? If yes, how often?

Yes, some of our interns also use the Fixed Route service. It depends on their individual capabilities. Some interns have used the Fixed Route service before starting our program, some start using it after going through travel training, and some still can't get used to it even after travel training. The ones who use it, use it daily.

3. In a single statement, why do you want to be on this committee?

I want to be on this committee to advocate for the disability community. Transportation is a huge barrier to independence for them.

4. What skills and knowledge do you feel you bring to this committee?

The skills I will bring to the TAAC committee are that I'm a strategic and analytical decision-maker, I'm adaptable and open-minded, and I have a strong business acumen. My knowledge of the needs of the local disability community is well-informed through my daily interaction with interns through my work, the two local disability non-profits I'm on, and my involvement with many Bay Area disability providers.

5. Will you be able to attend meetings during regular business hours? How flexible is your schedule?

Yes. My schedule is flexible.

6. Please include any additional information that may assist the decision making process.

I would be honored to contribute to this important committee. My goal is to help each disabled person become as independent as possible. Having reliable transportation is an important part of a person's independence. Thank you for considering my application.