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PAPCO Application Supplemental Information for AC Transit consideration:

- I. Commission/Committee Experience: What is your previous experience on a public agency commission or committee? Please also note if you are currently a member of any commissions or committees.

I am currently a member of the following advisory committees:

AC Transit Lived Experience Advisory Group: As a resident of Fremont and an AC Transit bus rider, I am representing Ward 5 on this committee. As part of AC Transit's Realign process, I provide feedback on my own experience riding AC Transit and the experiences of other AC Transit riders in Southern Alameda County. In particular, I am helping to address how bus route changes (for example, line 215) will affect the community. I also try to advocate for bus service in areas where there is housing development planned, especially denser housing that is targeted to low-income families and seniors.

Ride-On Tri-City! Accessibility Advisory Committee: As a rider with the Ride-On Tri-City Program, I am part of this committee that helps to advise City of Fremont, Newark and Union City staff on the operations of their Measure BB funded specialized transportation program in order to improve service for older adults and people with disabilities.

I have also been invited to join a focus group to discuss the future of transportation throughout the San Francisco Bay Area; this focus group is being organized by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. I am awaiting a response from MTC.

- II. Statement of Qualifications: Provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on PAPCO and why you are qualified for this appointment, including any experience you have managing funding and/or making funding decisions.

I am very interested in joining PAPCO. As a public transit rider (AC Transit and BART), a program participant in the City of Fremont's Measure BB transportation service (Ride-On Tri-City!) and a volunteer community advocate, I am well positioned to bring forth the perspectives of older adults and people with disabilities in Southern Alameda County.

Additionally, as an Asian Indian immigrant who speaks both Hindi and English and who is connected with various community groups, I am uniquely able to connect with the large Asian Indian community in Southern Alameda County. These experiences also enable me to be an effective advocate for older adults and people with disabilities living in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

I understand that PAPCO does not have a virtual option for attending its meetings; I am able to meet this in-person meeting requirement.

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- III. Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience: Please list your current employer or relevant volunteer experience including organization, address, position and dates.

Prior to my retirement in 2006, I held several senior level positions with the federal government of India where I was tasked with managing budgets and resources.

For the past 6 years, I have been an active volunteer with the Community Ambassadors Program for Seniors, a service of the City of Fremont's Human Services Department (3300 Capitol Ave., Building B, Fremont). As a CAPS volunteer and as an INSAF member, I help community members apply for senior Clipper cards and learn how to get around in the community using public transit and paratransit services.

I am a member of the following Asian Indian social groups and deeply involved in providing various welfare activities with these groups:

Fremont Indian Senior Association (since 2015, meets at the Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth)
Indo American Senior Association of Fremont (since 2015, meets at the Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth)

- IV. Paratransit Experience: List any specific interest, involvement or expertise you have related to special transportation or paratransit issues. Please also include the name(s) of any paratransit services you use.

I am an enrolled participant with the Ride-On Tri-City!, a Measure BB funded program operated by the City of Fremont that provides mobility management, travel training and transportation services to older adults and people with disabilities in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

I also serve on the Ride-On Tri-City! Accessibility Advisory Committee to help improve local paratransit services in Southern Alameda County.