

COUNTY CONNECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER APPLICATION

The primary purpose of the Advisory Committee (Ad-Comm) is to review, analyze, and advise the County Connection Board of Directors on issues and policies relating to fixed-route and paratransit service. Committee members also act as a public liaison from the represented jurisdiction. The Ad-Comm is comprised of up-to sixteen (16) members, including eleven (11) members appointed by each member jurisdiction and up-to five (5) "at-large" members who reside in Central Contra Costa County.

The By-Laws of the Ad-Comm, including the purpose and rules of conduct can be found here: <https://countyconnection.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Advisory-Committee-Bylaws-2024.pdf>

Regular meetings for 2025 are held in person at 1:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month at:

County Connection
Gayle Uilkema Boardroom
2477 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, CA 94520.

At-Large members are selected through a review by the Ad-Comm, which then recommends candidates for appointment by the County Connection Board of Directors.

Please note that the Ad-Comm is a public committee subject to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §54950 et. seq.). Membership on the Ad-Comm is a matter of public record and all members consent to their names being made public.

1. Name Matthew Guo
Last First Middle
2. Address [REDACTED]
Street City Zip Code
3. Telephone [REDACTED]
4. Email [REDACTED]

5. List any special skills or experience you have, such as professional/community/volunteer work or membership on any committees that may be relevant to carrying out the duties of an Advisory Committee member. Please feel free to attach any other data relevant to the position being sought.

Participated in SJSU Mineta Summer Transportation Institute in 2024, BART Lines Teen Poetry Contest winner, part of my high school's Varsity Speech and Debate, Student Council President at CACC Chinese School, volunteer tutor at BOBTutor. Incoming senior in high school.

6. How often do you use public fixed-route transit (ex. BART or County Connection buses) or paratransit?

- Daily (5-7 days/week)
- Frequently (2-4 days/week)
- Infrequently (1 day/week)
- Recreational use
- Emergencies
- Never
- I used to, but I don't anymore

7. If you answered "Never" or "I used to but I don't anymore" to Question 6, please describe your experience advocating for transit users in your community.

8. Please briefly explain your reason(s) for wanting to be a member of the County Connection Advisory Committee:

Riding various forms of public transit around the Bay Area since childhood, often to
unexpected places without a car, has shown me the region's diversity and the
necessity of a well-maintained network. I am passionate about public
transportation, and hope to major in Urban Planning in college. Becoming a
member of the County Connection Advisory Committee would allow me to
contribute my perspective as a rider, but also learn how decisions are made and
how agencies respond to the needs of diverse communities.

9. I certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any willful misrepresentation or omission of facts requested may result in disqualification from consideration or removal from the Ad-Comm at the discretion of the County Connection Board of Directors or their designee.

Matthew Quo

Signature

07/18/2025

Date

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

Jinsong Tu

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Jinsong Tu

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name

07/18/2025

Date

Proof of legal guardianship may be requested.

Notice of Accessibility:

If you need assistance completing this application or require an alternative format or language translation, please contact: ADALink@cccta.org or call the County Connection ADA Department at 925-680-2084.

Applications are considered to be active for one year.

Please return your completed application using one of the following methods:

Email: ADALink@cccta.org

Mail: Advisory Committee Liaison, 2477 Arnold Industrial Way- 2nd Fl, Concord, CA 94520

Matthew Guo

EDUCATION

Monte Vista High School - 12th Grade Honor Roll Student

Danville, CA

2022 - Present

Graduating class of 2026

- Aspiring Urban Studies/Urban & Transportation Planning major in college

Diablo Valley College (Part time)

- Part of the College Connect program through the San Ramon Unified School District 2024 - Present
- Two-year program to take some classes at Diablo Valley College for both high school and college credit

AWARDS AND EXPERIENCE

SJSU Mineta Summer Transportation Institute

June 2024

- Attended a three-week intensive summer program about transportation, with hands-on STEM activities.
- Earned college credit for the ENVIS-1 college course.
- Explored the present and the future of transportation with field trips to future transit sites, including the future California High-Speed Rail concourse at Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco.

BART Lines Teen Poetry Contest Winner

May 2024

- Wrote a poem about a journey around the Bay Area by public transit, seeing the different aspects of life, and exploring the region a different way using public transit and not a car.
- Part of the 31 winners selected to have poems featured in "short story dispensers" across multiple BART stations.

Varsity Speech and Debate

Aug 2022 – Present

- Part of the Varsity Speech and Debate team at my high school.
- Received numerous awards in both speech as well as debate, across various events.
- Developed strong interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work well together within a team under pressure.

CACC Chinese School - Student Council President

Pleasanton, CA

(Nonprofit Sunday Chinese school)

Sep 2022 – Present

- Started off in 2022 as the Student Council Secretary, assumed President role in 2024-2025 school year.
- Collaborated with our other Student Council members, including VP, Secretary, and Treasurer to organize and host school events including Mid-Autumn Festival, Gala, Food Drive, etc.
- Volunteered in the office, managing logistical matters, including creating webpages, spreadsheets, and interacting with parents and students.

BOBTutor - Volunteer Tutor

Oct 2022 – Present

- A nonprofit organization connecting students around the world, providing them with valuable learning opportunities.
- Currently a tutor in the English Department, working with students around the globe to achieve the education they need and deserve.
- Shadowed and collaborated with the Public Relations team and the Assistant Vice President.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Web Development

2024

- Coded a GitHub webpage displaying BART's real-time departures and elevator status.

Golden State Youth Orchestra - Violin

2022-2024

- Played in the 1st violin of the Galbraith Honors Strings.