

To: Board of Directors

Date: August 11, 2026

From: Rosa Noya, Manager of Accessible Services

Reviewed by: JS

SUBJECT: Re-Appointment of Subhang Mall as an At-Large Representative to the Advisory Committee

Background:

On August 6, 2026, the County Connection Advisory Committee (Ad-Comm) recommended the re-appointment of Subhang Mall to serve as an At-Large Representative on the Advisory Committee. The proposed term will expire on June 30, 2029.

Financial Implications:

None.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the re-appointment of Subhang Mall as an At-Large Representative to the County Connection Advisory Committee.

Action Requested:

Staff requests that the Board approve the re-appointment of Subhang Mall as an At-Large Representative to the County Connection Advisory Committee for a term effective August 20, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: At-Large Application (initial submission)

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: Mall, Subhang

2. Address: [REDACTED] Danville, California 94506

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.

I have skills in planning, communication, collaboration, advocating for others, taking others' feedback, and reviewing others' work, which would be relevant to carrying out

the duties of an Advisory Committee member.

As the vice president and co-founder of my school's NASA Kibo RPC Team (a competitive programming team), I collaborate and convene with my team members to plan our strategy and program our code. I also have experience presenting material to the team, like rules and manuals, and have experience answering all of their questions and giving them feedback. In addition, I review their work and make recommendations, showing my ability to review and advise others' work. If they have any questions or are confused about anything, I help them and explain concepts to them if needed. I have also organized multiple meetings for the team and have made sure that everyone in my team has felt involved and engaged, showing my ability to lead a group and to engage others. I will apply my planning, communication, presentation, and advisory skills as an Advisory Committee member to better County Connection.

In addition, at John Muir Health, the hospital I volunteer at, I engage with patients, work with employees, and advocate for patients. I have experience interacting and conversing with patients and nurses, whether talking about how they feel or requesting something. I also advocate for the patients; if a patient expresses their discomfort or asks for something, I help them; if I can't, I find a higher-up who can help them, and I communicate their concerns to the higher-up so their concerns can be resolved. I will use my skills and experience in advocacy and communication to advocate for other County Connection users as an Advisory Committee member and to bring their perspectives to the table.

Finally, I used to take County Connection extremely frequently, I still take it today, and I have friends who still take the bus every day. I ask my friends about their opinion on the bus and how they think it can be improved, meaning that I know the wide range of experiences across my community, and I can advocate for others and my community. As someone who has ridden on County Connection more than 100 times, I have experience in taking County Connection and believe I can provide a valuable perspective as a current and former bus rider who also knows, connects with, and advocates for other bus riders in my community.

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

experience advocating for transit users in your community.

N/A

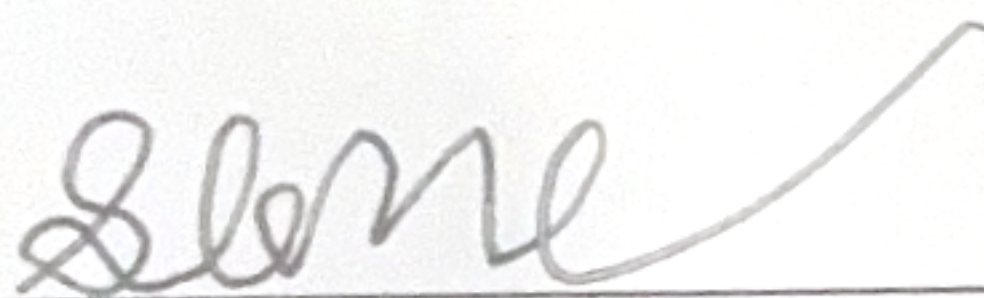
8. Please briefly explain your reason(s) for wanting to be a member of the County Connection Advisory Committee:

I want to become a member of the County Connection Advisory Committee because, as someone who used to ride County Connection frequently and still rides it, I've seen the current issues firsthand and have a desire to fix them to help our community. I've seen issues like overcrowding within the bus system; when the bus stops at my school, every day, a large crowd of people all crowd themselves together and force themselves into the bus at once, leading to unsafe conditions. Even once on the bus, there is still an overcrowding issue, with limited space for the number of students within the bus. I love County Connection, as it is the backbone of our school and our community; it supports everyone regardless of their income or circumstances, and has supported me. I want to improve it so it can do that even better. In addition, I take County Connection and have multiple friends who take County Connection, so I am aware of the wide range of experiences on the bus in our community. With my community knowledge, love for County Connection, perspective, and skills, I wish to improve County Connection and our public transit so our community and other communities benefit.

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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.



Signature

6/20/2025

Date

If applicant is under 18 years of age:



Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

6/20/2025

Date

Sonita Mall

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name

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