



## NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### Board Agenda Memo

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**TO:** NVTA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Danielle Schmitz, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Member Appointments

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Board approve the appointments of Anne Payne and Genji Schmeder to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC), each for a three (3) year term.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

None

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Ms. Payne currently serves on the Advisory Council for the Area Agency on Aging Napa/Solano, is a member of the Soroptimist of American Canyon, has previously served on Napa Commission on Aging, Healthy Aging Population Initiative (HAPI), Solano Senior Coalition, Alzheimer's Association, and the Advisory Council for Napa Connections. Before retiring, she held memory care director, social services supervisor and adult day health care coordinator for the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center.

Mr. Schmeder held numerous positions at the local, regional and state Sierra Club, served on the Napa County Measure A Financial Oversight Committee and previously served on the NVTA Vine Consumers Advisory Committee. Mr. Schmeder uses Vine Transit/VineGo.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

## **CEQA REQUIREMENTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND**

The PCC was formed by NVTa to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board on the transportation issues associated with persons with special needs, including elderly, disabled, and low income.

The PCC by-laws state that the PCC shall advise the Board of Directors and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regarding setting priorities for transportation services, review and make recommendations regarding the submission of claims for certain Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds consistent with its priorities, and address coordination of paratransit services within Napa County.

The PCC is comprised of nine (9) members – see the roster on the next page. Four (4) of these positions are currently vacant. The addition of Ms. Payne and Mr. Schmeder would bring the total member count to seven (7) creating greater stability and additional perspective on elderly and disabled transportation issues in the Napa Valley.

## Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Roster

Member	Original appointment date	Most recent appointment	Term end date	Category Represented
Ellen Sweigert	7/20/2022	7/31/2025	7/20/2022	Social services providers for persons with disabilities (2 of 2)
Lisa DeRose-Hernandez	5/22/2024	5/31/2027	1/20/2021	Social services provider for persons of limited means (1 of 2)
Devereaux Smith	9/27/2023	9/30/2026	9/27/2023	Social services provider for seniors (1)
Heather Stanton	5/22/2024	5/22/2024	5/31/2027	Member of the public residing within an urbanized area (1 of 2)
Lyall Abbott	10/16/2024	10/16/2024	10/31/2027	Member of the public residing within an urbanized area (2 of 2)
Genji Schmeder*	10/15/2025	10/15/2025	10/31/2028	Member of the public residing within an urbanized area (1 of 2)
Vacant				Member of the public residing within an urbanized area (2 of 2)
Anne Payne*	10/15/2025	10/15/2025	10/31/2028	Member of the public residing within a non-urbanized area (1)
Vacant				Consumer/user persons with disabilities (1)

*\*if appointed by the NVTB Board October 15, 1025*

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Without the appointments, the PCC will continue to have unfilled member vacancies.

## **COUNTYWIDE PLAN GOALS MET BY THIS PROPOSAL**

Goal 1 – Serve the transportation needs of the entire community regardless of age, income, or ability.

The PCC is comprised of members from the community representing various interests in Napa Valley. The purpose of the PCC is to advise the board (via NVTB staff) on transportation issues of persons with special needs.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) Anne Payne PCC Application
- 2) Genji Schmeder PCC Application

**Napa Valley Transportation Authority**  
**625 Burnell St**  
**Napa, CA 94559**  
**Tel. (707) 259-8631 / Fax (707) 259-8638**  
**www.nvta.ca.gov**  
**www.ridethevine.com**

**PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

Complete applications should be submitted to the above address,  
Attention: Secretary of the Board

**This application may be subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act**

I am applying as a representative of the following: (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Public transit consumer/user 60 or older		
<input type="checkbox"/> Public transit consumer/user with disability		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member of the public residing in non-urbanized area		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of the public residing in urbanized area		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social service provider for persons of limited means. List agency: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social service provider for persons with disabilities. List agency: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social service provider for seniors. List agency: _____		
<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Name:	Payne Elizabeth "Anne"	Date: Sept. 2, 2025
	<i>Last First M.I.</i>	
Mailing Address:		
	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
City	American Canyon	State CA Zip 94503
Phone:		E-mail Address:
<b>Current Occupation (within the last twelve (12) months)</b>		
<b>Education/Experience</b>		
(a resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful in evaluating your application)		
Retired		
<b>Community Participation</b>		
(nature of activity and community location)		
Soroptimist of American Canyon-Focus on women and girls thriving, serve on a committee that attempts to address isolation among senior women Advisory Council for the Area Agency on Aging Napa/Solano Becoming a volunteer driver for Molly's Angels Briefly served on the Advisory Council for Napa Connections		

Other Boards/Commissions/Committees on which you serve/have served

Napa Commission on Aging  
HAPI  
Solano Senior Coalition  
Alzheimer's Association

Please share your experience or observations regarding public transit

I am not a frequent user of public transportation, but I anticipate that as I age I will need to be a user of said services. I'd like to be proactive and not wait until the 'crisis' hits.

Please share your experience working with special needs populations

I worked in Adult Day Health Care as the coordinator for the programming, training and facilitating Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center. I was Memory Care Director for various Assisted Living communities. I was the supervisor for Social Services Coordinators at affordable housing properties for seniors and disabled adults.

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve, and in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.

I have a soft spot in my heart for seniors, even though I am now a senior myself and have always wanted to find a way to contribute to the greater good, even in small ways. I am also aware that a barrier to services, socialization, spiritual needs and physical movement is transportation and I would like to learn how to help create solutions.

### References

*Please list three individuals familiar with your background*

Full Name: **Kristin Einberger** Relationship: **Friend**

Company: **Retired**

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address:

Full Name: **Belia Ramos** Relationship: **Friend**

Company: **Napa County Supervisor**

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address:

Full Name: **Elaine Clark** Relationship: **Friend**

Company: **Retired ED of Area Agency on Aging-Napa/Solano**

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address:

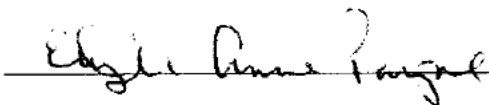
Name and Occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (for Conflict of Interest purposes):

N/A

### Disclaimer and Signature

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND NVTA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Signature:



Date:

**Sept. 2, 2025**



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Napa, CA 94559  
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### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

**Complete applications** can be submitted by: (1) faxing to the Human Resources Administrator at (707) 259-8638 or (2) delivered/mailed to the NVTA Attention: Human Resources Administrator, 625 Burnell Street, Napa, CA 94559 or (3) Email to: [jobs@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:jobs@nvta.ca.gov).

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Applicant Information			
Application for Appointment to: (Name of Committee) Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)			
Representing Field of member of the public residing in an urbanized area			
Name: <u>Schmeder, Genji</u>		Date: <u>08/29/2025</u>	
<small>Last</small>		<small>First()</small> <small>M.I.</small>	
Address <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
<small>Street Address</small>		<small>Apartment/Unit #</small>	
City <u>Napa</u>		State <u>CA</u>	Zip <u>94558</u>
Phone: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		E-mail Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Current Occupation (within the last twelve (12) months)			
none			
Current License (Professional or Occupational): Date of Issue and/or expiration including status:			
none			
Education/Experience (a resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful in evaluating your application)			
BS mathematics work as computer programmer from 1968 to 2008			

Community Participation  
(nature of activity and community location)

leader of local Sierra Club between 1988 and 2004  
Napa County Measure A financial oversight committee from 2006 to 2018  
NVTA Vine Consumers Advisory Committee (VCAC) from 2008 to 2014

Other Board/Commission/Committee on which you serve/have served

numerous positions in local, regional and state Sierra Club

References

Please list three individuals familiar with your background

Full Name: John Tuttle Relationship: friend

Company: Napa County registrar of voters

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Napa, CA 94559

Full Name: David Briggs Relationship: friend

Company: Napa County environmental health staff

Phone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Napa CA 94558

Full Name: Lorinda Ruddiman Relationship: neighbor

Company: Lorinda Graphics

Phone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Napa, CA 94559

Name and Occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (for Conflict of Interest purposes):

Nadya Hellinger Schmeder, retired teacher since 2008

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve, and in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.

Since becoming disabled in April 2025, the quality of local mobility services has become of major personal importance. But beyond the advantage of monitoring Vine-Go for my own good, I intend to assume full responsibilities as a cooperating PCC member.

My volunteer work with several groups and organizations in Napa Valley was characterized by commitment to the success of group projects, whether my own tasks were highly skilled or merely routine.

Please note that my residence address [REDACTED] differs from my official address [REDACTED] because my wife and I are still immersed in moving from old to new locations. The new location is in [REDACTED] where I receive assisted-living care.

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Signature:

Genji Schmeder 

Date:

08/29/2025



**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DATA**

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, the agency does not discriminate on the basis of disability or other prohibited criteria. The information requested below is for statistical reporting and analysis as required by law only. We request that all applicants complete the following information, however **providing this**

information is voluntary. This information will be detached from your application and the information will be kept confidential.

Name Schneider, Genji Date 08/29/2025

Position Applied For PCC member, unorganized

Sex: Male Female Disabled: Yes No

Race/Ethnicity: (Check only one.)

☐ **AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE**

All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

☐ **BLACK**

Not of Hispanic origin; All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

☒ **WHITE**

Not of Hispanic origin; All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

☐ **HISPANIC**

All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

☐ **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER**

All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands, such as China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and Samoa.

☐ **Two or More Races (Non-Hispanic or Latino)** - Persons who identify with two or more racial categories named above.

☐ **Decline to State** - If you choose not to self-identify your race/ethnicity at this time, the federal government requires this employer to determine this information by visual survey and/or other available information.

To assist NVTa in our recruitment efforts, please indicate how you found out about the job.

☐ Newspaper (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other Publication (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Friend \_\_\_\_\_

☐ School or other placement office (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☒ NVTa Employee / Website

☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Walk-in \_\_\_\_\_