



## NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Kate Miller, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Member Appointment

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) board approve the appointment of Victor Hurtado to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC).

### **OTHER OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Board has the option to not approve the appointment.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The addition of Victor Hurtado to the Paratransit Coordinating Council will bring the total membership of the committee to six. Victor currently works for Disability Services and Legal Center as an Independent Living Advocate. His role with Disability Services and Legal Center will further help NVTA improve mobility services in the Napa Valley.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff Report
2. Public Comments
3. Motion, Second, Discussion and Vote

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

**STRATEGIC GOALS MET BY THIS PROPOSAL**

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

The Paratransit Coordinating Council serves as a support function to the NVTA, ensuring people of all abilities and ages can improve their mobility through the programs offered by NVTA. Additional, diverse members on the committee enhance the agency's ability to meet the needs of the elderly and disabled community.

**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 AND DISCUSSION**

The Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) advises NVTA staff, the NVTA Board, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regarding setting priorities for transportation services, reviews and make recommendations regarding the submission of claims for certain Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and allocations consistent with its priorities, and address coordination of paratransit services within Napa County. The PCC is comprised of nine members.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Attachment: (1) Victor Hurtado Application

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**NVTA Agenda Item 10.3**  
**September 18, 2019**

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**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social service provider for persons with disabilities. List agency: <u>Disability Services &amp; Legal Center</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social service provider for seniors. List agency: _____		
<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Name:	<b>HURTADO</b>	<b>VICTOR</b>
	<small>Last</small>	<small>First</small>
		<small>M.I.</small>
Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]	
	<small>Street Address</small>	<small>Apartment/Unit #</small>
City	<b>NAPA</b>	State <b>CA</b> Zip <b>94559</b>
Phone:	[REDACTED]	E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
<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)		
<b>Independent Living Advocate</b>		
<b>Community Participation</b>		
(nature of activity and community location)		
Independent Living Advocate with Disability Services & Legal Center. Independent Living Center providing people with disabilities the tools they need to live an independent and fulfilled life. Assist clients in obtaining Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to meet their basic needs. Provide information for transitional-aged youth with disabilities (educational or vocational goals; outreach). Advocate for the voting rights of people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.		

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

Napa Disability Committee

Voter's Choice Napa Committee

Housing Committee Meeting

Live Healthy Napa County

Youth Transitions Committee

## Please share your experience or observations regarding public transit

Public transit is absolutely necessary in our community, particularly for people with disabilities, in addition to other vulnerable populations. However, I also believe that sometimes people are not aware of all the resources available in the community when it comes to transportation. The community must work together on developing various strategies to raise awareness so that people may utilize the service to its full potential.

## Please share your experience working with special needs populations

I have extensive experience working with special needs populations for a number of years. It has been my experience that people face a vast array of disabilities. With each disability comes a complex set of challenges. Therefore, these populations require varying choices and levels of services to help them achieve their maximum independence. The resources provided to these individuals must be tailored to their specific situation and needs. Once they are given the proper guidance and tools, they will thrive in this community. I also find that when working to achieve their independence, obtaining reliable forms of transportation is of critical importance to these populations. I believe the transportation piece also provides these populations with greater confidence and an enriched sense of pride in achieving other important life goals they may have.

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

I wish to serve because I would bring a unique perspective to the committee, being a life-long Napa resident. I would also have valuable information to bring/share regarding the disabled population and viewpoint. I would also bring the perspective of young adults living with disabilities, and the challenges they face in this community. It is my way of giving back to the Community I've received so much from.



## References

Please list three individuals familiar with your background

Full Name: Lake Kowell

Relationship: Supervisor

Company: Disability Services & Legal Center

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Marlena Garcia

Relationship: Collaborator

Company: ParentsCAN

Phone: [REDACTED]

ext. 102

Address: [REDACTED]

Full Name: Sherry Tennyson

Relationship: Collaborator

Company: Napa Valley College

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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 NVTI CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Signature: Victor Hurtado

Date: 8/9/19