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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Administration and Finance Committee
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns *Michael T. Burns md*
 General Manager

FROM: Jim Lawson *Jim Lawson*
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SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment of Robert Jacobvitz to the Citizens Advisory Committee position representing the Building Owners and Managers Association - Silicon Valley.

BACKGROUND:

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is a 17-member committee representing the city/county groupings of the VTA Board of Directors, specified community interests, and business and labor groups with an interest in transportation. The CAC advises the Board on issues of interest to the committee's members and the communities and organizations they represent. It also serves as the oversight body for the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program.

The CAC bylaws require that a committee member must be a resident of Santa Clara County while on the committee and cannot hold elected public office. The membership term is continuous, with the member serving until resignation or replacement by their nominating organization or the VTA Board.

The process to fill CAC vacancies, as defined by the bylaws, is that member agencies and specified business and labor groups appoint potential members for designated membership positions. For the six community interests positions, the Administration & Finance Committee appoints one member per position from nominations submitted by advocacy groups or received at-large. In all cases, the VTA Board must ratify the appointment.

DISCUSSION:

The VTA Administrative Code establishes the membership of the CAC. Five members are appointed by specified business and labor groups, one of which represents commercial real estate interests.

In a previous action, the Board approved replacing the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) with BOMA - Silicon Valley (BOMA) as the representative of commercial real estate interests. BOMA is prepared to immediately appoint its representative, Mr. Robert Jacobvitz.

Mr. Jacobvitz, a resident of San Jose, is the Executive Director of BOMA Silicon Valley. He has worked in the real estate, housing, commercial building and real estate financing industries for almost 20 years and has resided in the Bay Area since 1979. Staff recommends that the Board ratify this appointment.

If the VTA Board ratifies this appointment, staff will prepare a letter for the Chairperson's signature notifying the new CAC member of the appointment.

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