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Nancy Magee • County Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Chair Rak and Mr. Charpentier,

I just learned about Mike Swire's application for CMEQ and wanted to send you a note to wholeheartedly endorse his application to C/CAG's CMEQ as a representative of the Environmental Community or as a Public Representative. He would be awesome in either position!

Mike is an extraordinary community advocate for bicycle and pedestrian safety and a steadfast friend to Safe Routes to School. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mike for several years as we've collaborated to make it safer for children to walk and bike to school across San Mateo County. Mike was instrumental in leading Safe Routes to School programs at his children's elementary, middle, and high schools, and his commitment deepened through his participation in the Safe Routes to School *School Travel Fellowship*. Through this role, Mike led impactful efforts to improve walking and biking safety around San Mateo High School, located in North Central, an MTC Equity Priority Community with one of the highest rates of traffic violence in San Mateo.

Mike's leadership extends beyond his own neighborhood. He has championed efforts to lower speed limits around schools in San Mateo, Hillsborough, and unincorporated San Mateo County, prioritizing the safety of all children. A valued member of our San Mateo County Safe Routes to School Community Advisory Committee and the City of San Mateo Safe Routes to School Strategic Planning Committee, Mike brings unparalleled passion, insight, and dedication to every project. His expertise and advocacy for environmental and transportation issues make him an influential and respected voice on transportation and congestion management throughout San Mateo County.

Thank you for considering Mike's application. We look forward to working with you and Mike to advance Safe Routes to School initiatives through CMEQ and the C/CAG Board.

Sincerely,

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