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RE: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

As President of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, it is my distinct honor and privilege to write this letter in enthusiastic support of Midori Valdivia's nomination for Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC).

Through my work in the Bronx, I have seen firsthand the qualities that make an effective public servant. Midori is not only a true professional and a brilliant strategist, but she is also a person of immense kindness and integrity. To many of us in the advocacy and business communities, she is more than a colleague; she is a trusted friend and a reliable partner in progress.

Midori's deep institutional knowledge of our city's transportation landscape is unparalleled. During her tenure as a board member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), she consistently demonstrated an ability to navigate complex systems while never losing sight of the human element. Her work was instrumental in pushing for a more efficient, accessible, and resilient transit network.

What sets Midori apart is her holistic vision for New York City. She understands that "the city" extends far beyond lower Manhattan. Her commitment to a five-borough approach ensures that the needs of Bronx residents and businesses are heard and addressed. She has been a fierce advocate for our borough, recognizing the vital role that transportation plays in the economic mobility of our community.

The TLC requires a leader who can balance regulatory oversight with genuine empathy for those behind the wheel. Midori's advocacy for taxi drivers is well-known. She understands the hardships faced by drivers and has consistently fought for policies that prioritize their well-being and economic stability. She views drivers not just as operators, but as the backbone of the city's transit infrastructure.

Midori Valdivia is the smart, knowledgeable, and dedicated leader that the Taxi and Limousine Commission needs at this pivotal moment. I urge the City Council to support her nomination and confirm her as Commissioner. I am confident that under her leadership, the TLC will become a more equitable and efficient agency for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sorin
President

2/17/2026

New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

We write to express Coro's strong support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC).

Coro New York is committed to developing responsible, ethical civic leaders who serve with integrity and purpose. Few individuals embody that mission more fully than Midori. Her unwavering dedication to the people of New York City, coupled with her principled leadership, reflects the very best of our civic tradition. She will make the Mayor, the City Council, and all New Yorkers proud through her service.

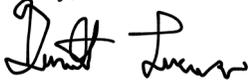
We both met Midori through her involvement in the Coro New York Leadership Community, and both had the privilege of working alongside her during her tenure as COO of Coro New York Leadership Center. In that role, she demonstrated exceptional executive leadership, operational discipline, and a deep commitment to developing ethical and effective leaders across sectors. Midori was not only a strong strategic thinker but also a hands-on, dedicated, and hardworking leader who consistently delivered results.

Midori has held senior policy and operational leadership roles at the TLC and is a recognized expert in regulatory affairs within the Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle industry. She brings a deep understanding of how Taxi and Limousine Commission policies impact drivers, workers, and the New Yorkers who rely on taxis and for-hire vehicles every day. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to fairness, worker protections, and thoughtful regulation that balances industry sustainability with public interest.

During her time as COO of Coro, Midori led through complexity and change with clarity and steadiness. She strengthened organizational systems, supported staff development, and built trust with stakeholders across government, nonprofit, and private sectors. Her work ethic, collaborative leadership style, and ability to navigate complex policy environments make her uniquely prepared to lead the TLC at this critical moment for New York City's transportation system.

At this pivotal time for the City, Midori Valdivia's expertise, integrity, and results-driven approach make her an exceptional professional ready to serve as Commissioner of the TLC. We fully support and respectfully request the Council's confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,



Garrett Lucien, Executive Director



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February 9, 2026

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City Hall
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Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and
Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as the Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). I first met Midori as a Mayoral appointee to the Board of the MTA.

Midori has held senior policy and operational leadership roles at the TLC and is a recognized expert in regulatory affairs within the Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle industry. She brings a deep understanding of how the Taxi and Limousine Commission policies impact drivers, workers, and New Yorkers who rely on taxis and FHVs every day, and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fairness, worker protection, and accountability.

Midori and I worked closely together on a number of initiatives at the MTA – supporting Congestion Pricing, expansion of Fair Fares half price program and our mutual concern over policing of black and brown communities. She has been a wonderful colleague and a true progressive.

At this pivotal moment for New York City’s transportation system, Midori Valdivia’s expertise, collaborative leadership style, and results-driven approach make her an exceptional professional ready to serve as Commissioner of the TLC. We fully support and respectfully request the Council’s confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,

David R. Jones,
President & CEO
Community Service Society

February 13, 2026

New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as the Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Council Taxi and Limousine Commission

Dear Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

I write to express our unwavering support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). I first met Ms. Valdivia in 2022 while serving together on the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Board, where she consistently distinguished herself as a strategic thought leader, policymaker and collaborator. Throughout our shared tenure, she consistently demonstrated an exceptional command of transportation policy, regulatory oversight, and large-scale agency operations.

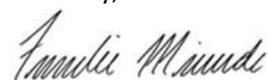
Ms. Valdivia brings extensive senior leadership experience within the TLC and is a recognized authority in regulatory affairs within the Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle industries. She possesses a profound understanding of the impact of TLC policies on drivers, workers, and the millions of New Yorkers who depend on these services every day. Furthermore, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fairness, accountability and worker protections while recognizing the need for regulatory transparency and stability.

Ms. Valdivia poses a robust track record as a problem solver and transportation expert. During our joint tenure on the MTA board, I have witnessed the invaluable contributions of Ms. Valdivia's knowledge, extensive skill set, and visionary foresight, which are essential for leading this critically important agency. Additionally, she possesses a comprehensive understanding of the transportation challenges faced by vulnerable communities, not only for those who rely on these services but also for those employed in these vital industries.

At this pivotal moment for New York City's transportation system — Ms. Valdivia's expertise, collaborative leadership style, and results-driven approach uniquely position her to guide the agency through its next chapter.

As the President of the premier Latino umbrella organization in New York City, representing a broad and diverse network deeply connected to the transportation workforce and small business community, I wholeheartedly support and respectfully urge the Council to confirm her nomination without reservation.

Sincerely,



Frankie Miranda
President & CEO
Hispanic Federation

RIDERS ALLIANCE

February 10, 2026

New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

I have known Midori for the last decade, having first met her when she was serving as Deputy Commissioner at the Taxi and Limousine Commission and I was working at the New York Immigration Coalition. In that role, I saw firsthand her commitment to immigrant New Yorkers and her deep understanding of how transportation policy intersects with economic opportunity, worker protections, and equity.

For the past six years, since I assumed the role of Executive Director of Riders Alliance, I have had the privilege of working closely with Midori on numerous occasions. Riders Alliance is New York City's grassroots membership organization of bus and subway riders. We organize everyday New Yorkers to fight for faster, more reliable, and more affordable transit.

Midori has consistently lent her expertise, insight, and leadership to our work. She has been a trusted partner and thought leader as we pursued emergency transit relief funding at the height of the COVID-19 crisis, pushed for a major expansion of subway service coming out of the pandemic, supported the successful implementation of congestion pricing, and advanced campaigns to speed up the slowest buses in America. At every turn, Midori has brought deep technical knowledge and strong institutional relationships, but also humility, openness, and a clear vision for a more inclusive and equitable city.

Midori is a champion for immigrant New Yorkers and a powerful advocate for women and women of color in the transportation and climate spaces. Her leadership reflects a rare combination of policy expertise, operational experience, and an unwavering commitment to the people most impacted by our transportation systems.

At this pivotal moment for New York City, I can think of no one better suited to lead the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Midori Valdivia will be a superb Commissioner, and I recommend her without reservation. I respectfully urge the Council to confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,



Betsy Plum, Executive Director
Riders Alliance



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8 February 2026

New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as
TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as the Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). I have known her for over 20 years.

Transportation is Midori's calling. From her early days at the Port Authority and throughout her career, she has shown and proven her passion and commitment to keep our city moving. Midori's leadership in senior policy and operations has been evident at the TLC and as a recognized expert in regulatory affairs within the taxi and for-hire vehicle industry. This translates to a deep understanding of how the Taxi and Limousine Commission's policies impacts drivers, workers, and the New Yorkers who rely on taxis and for-hire vehicles. Midori has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fairness, worker protections, and accountability.

It has been exciting to witness the arc of Midori's career, through her growth in roles and responsibilities to become the seasoned transportation executive that she is today. I got to know Midori as she completed her year as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs. Whether at the Port Authority, Chief of Staff to the MTA or coming full circle back to TLC, I have seen her ethics, values and integrity displayed in the way she approaches her work. All of this shows the hallmarks of a respected, talented civil servant.

Having Midori Valdivia's expertise, collaborative nature and results-driven focus will serve the city and all of her citizens as the Commissioner of the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

I'm pleased to support Midori and invite the Council's confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Philip Li
President & CEO
Robert Sterling Clark Foundation
(and former Executive Director of Coro New York Leadership Center)



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February, 13, 2026

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Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as the Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). I have worked with Midori for many years, in her position at Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and at the MTA. Last year, she joined RPA's esteemed Board of Directors serving as one of our youngest members.

Midori has held senior policy and operational leadership roles at the TLC and is a recognized expert in regulatory affairs within the Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle industry. She brings a deep understanding of how the Taxi and Limousine Commission policies impact drivers, workers, and the New Yorkers who rely on taxis and FHV's every day, and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fairness, worker protections, and accountability.

Midori has always garnered the strong respect of her peers and she has a large network of admirers. She is a self-starter, team player and a natural leader. Outside of her government work, she has spearheaded a new network focused on supporting and advancing women of color in the transportation and climate professions. She approaches her work with a strong foundation of policy, operational, and political knowledge, but also leaves space for creativity and a deep passion for equity and fairness. I can't think of anyone more qualified in expertise and temperament for this role.

At this pivotal moment for New York City's transportation system, Midori Valdivia's expertise, collaborative leadership style, and results-driven approach make her an exceptional professional ready to serve as Commissioner of the TLC. I fully support and respectfully request the Council's confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Kate Slevin Executive Vice President Regional Plan Association



February 7, 2026

New York City Council
City Hall, New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

The Shared-Use Mobility Center (SUMC) is a nonprofit public-interest organization and international thought leader with over a decade of experience advancing shared mobility through applied research, capacity building, and cross-sector convening.

Our mission is to connect and empower change leaders working to build people-centered mobility systems that fight climate change, advance equity, and strengthen communities. Our vision is a future where everyone—regardless of age, race, gender, income, ability, or background—has access to safe, sustainable, affordable, and reliable transportation, even without owning a car.

We wholeheartedly endorse Midori Valdivia for Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, citing her extensive experience in senior TLC roles and expertise in regulatory affairs. Midori's deep understanding of the taxi and for-hire vehicle industry, as well as the broader transportation sector, enables her to craft policies that directly benefit drivers, workers, and everyday New Yorkers who rely on these services.

Midori's commitment to fairness, worker protection, and accountability is unwavering, and she has consistently demonstrated a passion for promoting equity, combating climate change, and empowering communities. Her leadership on the Board of Directors of the Shared-Use Mobility Center from 2023 to 2025 was marked by notable achievements, including her role as Chair of the CEO Mentorship Committee, where she provided invaluable guidance and coaching to our CEO and senior leaders, shaping our organization's culture and strategic focus.

As New York City's transportation system stands at a critical juncture, Midori Valdivia's unique blend of expertise, collaborative spirit, and results-driven approach makes her the ideal candidate for TLC Commissioner. **We strongly urge the Council to confirm her nomination, confident that her leadership will drive meaningful progress and improvement in the city's transportation landscape.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin de la Peña", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Benjamin de la Peña
CEO, Shared-Use Mobility Center



Workers Justice Project

Los Deliveristas Unidos

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February 17, 2026

New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as the Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC).

I first met Midori in 2023, and she quickly became a trusted advisor and strategic partner to Workers Justice Project and Los Deliveristas Unidos. She has provided thoughtful guidance during critical moments and has intentionally created space to advance the leadership of women within infrastructure and transportation sectors. Midori has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to advancing worker justice and shaping a transportation agenda that prioritizes the needs of our communities. Her support has strengthened our advocacy efforts and reinforced the importance of centering workers and working communities in transportation policy and regulatory decisions.

Midori is deeply committed to advancing workers' rights within the transportation sector. Through our work alongside her, we have seen her skillfully navigate complex regulatory systems while consistently centering the needs of taxi workers and delivery workers. She brings both strong technical expertise and a clear understanding that transportation policy and labor protections must be aligned to advance economic justice.

Midori believes structural change requires elevating the voices of those most impacted by policy decisions. Her extensive experience in transportation regulation, combined with her integrity, decisiveness, and inclusive leadership, makes her exceptionally well-qualified to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the TLC.



At this pivotal moment for New York City's transportation system, Midori Valdivia's expertise, collaborative leadership style, and results-driven approach make her an exceptional professional ready to serve as Commissioner of the TLC. We fully support and respectfully request the Council's confirmation of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Ligia Gualpa (She/ her/hers)

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February 17, 2026

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New York, NY 10007

Re: Support for the Nomination of Midori Valdivia as TLC Chair and Commissioner

To the Honorable Members of the New York City Council,

On behalf of the Women's Transportation Seminar – Greater New York Chapter (WTS-GNY), we write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Midori Valdivia to serve as Chair and Commissioner of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC).

WTS-GNY is a professional non-profit organization dedicated to advancing women in the transportation industry through professional development, leadership, and advocacy to in turn strengthen the transportation industry. Over the past decade and more, Midori has been engaged with our chapter community as a trusted partner, respected public servant, and thoughtful leader in the transportation sector.

Midori has held senior policy and operational leadership roles at the TLC and is a recognized expert in regulatory affairs within the Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle industry. She brings a deep understanding of how the Taxi and Limousine Commission policies impact drivers, workers, and the New Yorkers who rely on taxis and FHV's every day, and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fairness, worker protections, and accountability.

Midori has also been an active and valued supporter of WTS-GNY over many years. She has participated in chapter events, contributed her insights as a speaker, and engaged meaningfully with our members across the public and private sectors. In these settings, she has consistently demonstrated not only her subject-matter expertise, but also her collaborative leadership style and genuine dedication to mentoring and elevating others in the industry. Her willingness to share knowledge and foster dialogue reflects the inclusive and forward-thinking approach she brings to her public service.

At this pivotal moment for New York City's transportation system, Midori Valdivia's expertise, leadership, and results-driven approach make her an exceptional professional ready to serve as Commissioner of the TLC. We fully support and respectfully request the Council's confirmation of her nomination. We are confident that under her leadership, the Taxi and Limousine Commission will continue to advance policies that support drivers, protect passengers, and strengthen New York City's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Ece Koch, PE, ENV SP



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WTS-GNY**

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