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Susan Cleveland-Knowles has committed her career to public service. She has worked for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office City for over 18 years as a Deputy City Attorney. She currently serves as General Counsel to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA). The SFMTA is a department of the City and County of San Francisco responsible for the management of all ground transportation in the city.

With an annual operating budget of over \$1 billion and almost 6000 employees, the SFMTA has oversight over the Municipal Railway (Muni) public transit, as well as bicycling, paratransit, parking, traffic, walking, and taxis. In her role as General Counsel, Susan manages a team of 7 attorneys and coordinates all legal advice to the SFMTA including advising the Board of Directors, Director of Transportation and staff. Prior to her role advising SFMTA, as a Deputy City Attorney Susan advised the San Francisco Planning Department, Planning Commission and other City entities on land use and housing issues. Susan has experience in land use litigation, legislative drafting and advice work.

Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, Susan was a two-year fellow at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger – a boutique law firm in San Francisco specializing in environmental and land use law on behalf of local government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Susan earned her J.D. from Stanford University and B.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. She lives in Sausalito, California with her husband and two children. In her volunteer time, she served for four years on the Sausalito Planning Commission and is currently a member of the City Council.