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I have served on the MTA CAC since 2009. The 1999 Proposition E mandates the existence of the CAC. In 2007, the voters also passed Proposition A. Both measures were supposed to insulate the MTA Directors from political pressures.

That hasn't happened.

It has been up to CAC members to push back against the tech-driven transit privatization – the illegal commuter shuttle program which issues “get-out-of-jail-free” placards to private buses operating in public bus stops in violation of CVC 22500.i; the 2022 “Uberfication” of the local taxi industry, a plan concocted by staff; and now Mayor Lurie’s plans to undo Better Market Street without all the environmental reviews the adoption of Better Market Street went through in the first place.

MTA Directors and staff will not push back against tech-driven pressures. We need the CAC for that. Recommend disbanding the directors instead and restoring decision-making to the elected supervisors.

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