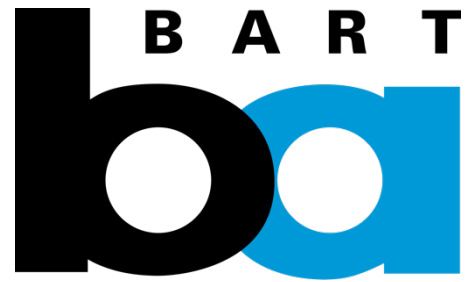




Vote for **Dr. Joseph Grcar**
BART Director District 5

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Dr. Grcar is running for the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). He is committed to addressing the system's challenges and improving its essential services. With his experience in scientific research and analysis, Dr. Grcar is uniquely qualified to understand the root cause of problems and to lead BART to a sustainable future. As your District 5 Director, Dr. Grcar pledges to prioritize:

Safety and Security: As a long-time rider, Dr. Grcar sees how security and cleanliness are critical to making BART a viable travel option. He supports placing more police officers and crisis intervention specialists on trains. It is estimated 80 % of crimes and vandalism are committed by just 20 % of the people who skip fares. Dr. Grcar supports installing new, modern fare gates to deter fare evasion—because it is also the simplest way to deter crime. Some new fare gates are being selectively installed now. Dr. Grcar will fight to keep them in the budget until all stations have them.

Financial Crisis. Dr. Grcar understands loss of ridership during and after the pandemic severely reduced revenue. However, he agrees with District 1 Director Debora Allen, that management will use the crisis to get more subsidies (*Mercury News*, August 12). Dr. Grcar advocates an *Efficiency Committee* working independent of management to develop cost-containment and revenue plans. For example, school districts and automobile manufacturers automatically furlough workers when revenues decline. The BART system should modify its labor contracts to include similar provisions.

Commuters. Dr. Grcar favors shifting costs to employers by giving reduced fare Clipper Cards to all commuters. For each \$1 paid by the employee, BART would invoice the employer to recover the *unsubsidized* cost of transportation. His opponent leads an agency, Valley Link, that will run non-BART trains between the border of Alameda County and Dublin / Pleasanton. Without Dr. Grcar's plan, these trains crowd commuters onto BART, who do not pay taxes in counties that subsidize BART.

Active, Participatory Democracy. Dr. Grcar's opponent *resigned* from an elected office, Mayor of Dublin, to become an *appointed* incumbent BART Director, thereby discouraging opponents and setting-up a no-contest "election". Beginning as Mayor in 2020 and now as BART Director, the opponent takes a salary from Supervisor Haubert (\$96,428.80 in 2024). **Dr. Grcar already has disrupted these plans by challenging the *appointed* incumbent. Vote for Dr. Grcar to vote against influence-peddling.**