**Mike Levinson**

**Information for Board**

**March 2024**

Mike Levinson was a long-time member of the PCC, joining in 1998. He served as PCC Chair for several years and was Chair of the Policy, Advocacy and Legislative (PAL) committee. As a retired computer programmer, he was particularly interested in the paratransit scheduling software and the IVR phone reminders. He served on a committee to select the IVR vendor. He also was part of a sub-committee to ensure that our paratransit eligibility process was fair and comfortable for applicants. He was in several SamTrans photo shoots to illustrate riders using the Redi-Wheels service and did several media interviews to promote Redi-Wheels and the PCC. He said that everyone who uses the service has a different story, and that it makes people more independent.

Mike was dedicated to public service. He was involved in many other community groups. He used Redi-Wheels to get there. (“Everybody likes to meet in the middle of the county.”) He was actively involved in San Mateo County’s voting accessibility committee.

He was part of the Commission on Disabilities, including their transportation subcommittee.

He was on the Board of the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities since 2015 and was Board Chair. He got involved in the organization because of his experiences volunteering with many other disability-related organizations.

In his spare time, he was an avid bridge player. He won the National Life Master Men’s pair championship in 1981.

His sister said that she “got to live in his world” when she stayed with him for a month before he passed away. She is grateful that he was surrounded by great people who cared.