Alameda County	1225 Fallon St. Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612
Contra Costa County	County Clerk Recorder, 555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553
San Francisco City and County	City Hall, Voter Records Division, 1 Drive Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48, San Francisco, CA 94102
San Mateo County	Registration & Elections Division, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, CA 94402
Santa Clara County	Candidate Services Division, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, 3rd Floor, San Jose, CA 95112

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of **Public Transit Revenue Measure District, Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco, California**, that in accordance with the provisions of the California Government Code and California Elections Code, an Election for purposes of a measure to be held on **November 3, 2026** at which the following measure shall be submitted to and voted on by the qualified electors within the **Public Transit Revenue Measure District**.

MEASURE QUESTION: To prevent major service cuts to BART and other transit, avoid increased traffic, and reduce pollution by: Preserving BART, Caltrain, VTA, SamTrans, AC Transit, Muni, other transit for everyone, including workers, students, seniors, persons with disabilities; Supporting transit safety, cleanliness, affordability, reliability; Repairing targeted roads/potholes; Requiring financial transparency, oversight, accountability; shall the measure enacting a 0.5% (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara counties), and 1% (San Francisco) sales tax for 14 years generating approximately $980,000,000 annually, be adopted?

YES _____ NO _____

Passage Rate: Majority Vote Required

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that primary arguments for or against said measure may be filed with the Offices of the Registrars of Voters at the addresses listed above, not later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 4, 2026**. Authors shall file their argument in the county in which they wish it published pursuant to SB 830. The rebuttal arguments must be filed with the Offices of the Registrars of Voters not later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 11, 2026**.

The governing board or any member or members of the board, any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or a bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of such voters and associations may file a written **primary argument** for or against the Measure. **No primary argument shall exceed 300 words in length. No more than five signatures shall appear with any primary argument filed.** Printed primary arguments submitted shall be titled either "Argument in Favor of Measure" or "Argument Against Measure." Words used in the title shall not be counted when determining the length of any primary argument.

The Offices of the Registrars of Voters will select a primary argument in favor and a primary argument against the measure to be printed and distributed in each counties County Voter Information Guide (CVIGs).

The Offices of the Registrars of Voters shall make the **primary arguments available for public examination for a period of 10-calendar days** starting on **August 5, 2026** and ending on **August 15, 2026**, immediately following the filing deadline for submission of arguments.

The Registrars of Voters will send a copy of the selected primary argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the primary argument against, and a copy of the selected primary argument against to the authors of the primary argument in favor. **The authors may prepare and file a rebuttal argument not to exceed 250 words in length.** Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument that it seeks to rebut and shall be titled "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure," or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure." Words used in the title shall not be counted when determining the length of any rebuttal argument.

The Offices of the Registrars of Voters shall make the rebuttal arguments available for public examination for a period of 10-calendar days starting on **August 12, 2026** and ending **August 22, 2026** immediately following the filing deadline for submission of rebuttal arguments.

All primary arguments and rebuttals filed pursuant to this notice shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each author:

> The undersigned author(s) of the PRIMARY ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST Ballot Measure at the Election in the **Public Transit Revenue Measure District**, **Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco,** to be held **November 3, 2026**, hereby state that such primary argument or rebuttal is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all active registered voters will automatically be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot package by **October 5, 2026**; the Vote Centers for said election will be open starting on **October 24, 2026** through **November 3, 2026**, for varying hours of operations. **Please see List of Vote Centers hours of operation posted to each of the countries' websites as follows:**

Alameda County	https://acvote.alamedacountyca.gov/election-information/elections?id=260#
Contra Costa County	https://www.contracostavote.gov/election/november-3-2026-general-election/#Election
San Francisco City and County	https://www.sf.gov/november-3-2026-consolidated-general-election
San Mateo County	https://smcacre.gov/elections/vote-centers
Santa Clara County	https://vote.santaclaracounty.gov/vote-person/official-vote-center-list-and-schedule

The Vote Centers will be open on Election Day, **November 3, 2026** from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All ballots cast in said election will be counted centrally at the Offices of the Registrars of Voters.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, pursuant to Elections Code section 15101(b), Vote by Mail ballots will be opened and processed for counting beginning **October 5, 2026**, at the Offices of the Registrars of Voters Office.

Dated: August 3, 2026

Matt Moreles, Registrar of Voters

Date: July 24, 2026
W.I.: 9190

ABSTRACT

District Resolution No. 2

This resolution of Public Transit Revenue Measure District (PTRMD, or "District") accepts the certification of the District Elections Official as to the verification of signatures for the initiative petition entitled the "Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative" ("Initiative Measure"), and requests the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco to call a special election on the Initiative Measure to be consolidated with the November 3, 2026, statewide general election.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the District Summary Sheet dated July 24, 2026.

Date: July 24, 2026
W.I.: 9190

RE: Acceptance of the certification of the District Elections Official as to the verification of signatures for the initiative petition entitled the "Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative" ("Initiative Measure") and request to the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco to call a special election on the Initiative Measure to be consolidated with the November 3, 2026, statewide general election pursuant to Government Code Section 67740(a)

PUBLIC TRANSIT REVENUE MEASURE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, Title 7.85 of the Government Code, commencing with Government Code Section 67700 (Senate Bill 63/Connect Bay Area Act, Wiener/Arreguín, October 13, 2025) created the Public Transit Revenue Measure District ("PTRMD" or "District") with jurisdiction extending throughout the territorial boundaries of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco, and provides that the District shall be governed by the same board that governs the Metropolitan Transportation Commission ("MTC"); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 63 authorized a retail transactions and use tax applicable to the entire District to be imposed by the Board of the District or by a qualified voter initiative, subject to voter approval at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 830, an act to amend Section 67740 of the Government Code, relating to transportation, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately, was signed into law on July 16, 2026, and revised the election procedures applicable to a retail transactions and use tax authorized under Senate Bill 63 by, among other things, requiring each county elections official in the District to select, from among the submissions of proposed arguments in favor of, and against, the measure, the arguments to be included in the county voter information guide of that county, as specified; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Sections 67730 and 67732, a qualified voter initiative may impose a retail transactions and use tax ordinance applicable to the entire District for a duration of 14 years, and in an amount of 0.5% in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, subject to voter approval at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67700, subdivision (l), paragraph (1), the District Elections Official is the official designated by the Board of the District to perform the duties required for the purposes of an initiative under Article 1 (commencing with Section 9300) of Chapter 4 of Division 9 of the Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, the District held a duly noticed meeting and adopted District Resolution No. 1, which, among other items, established the officers of the District, including the appointment of the MTC Commission Secretary as the District Elections Official and the appointment of the MTC General Counsel as the District's General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, proponents of the "Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative" ("Initiative Measure"), submitted a notice of intention to circulate the Initiative Measure for the purpose of placing it on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot, the full written text of the Initiative Measure, and the affidavit of publication by a representative of the San Francisco Chronicle confirming publication of the Initiative Measure as required by Elections Code Section 9304 to the District Elections Official on January 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative Measure would impose a retail transactions and use tax ordinance applicable to the District, for a duration of 14 years, and in an amount of 0.5% in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, pursuant to Government Code Sections 67730 and 67732; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (c), it is the responsibility of the county elections officials for the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the election official of the City and County of San Francisco, to examine the petition and from the records of registration ascertain whether the petition has been signed by the requisite number of voters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9310, subdivision (a), the requisite number of signatures required to qualify the Initiative Measure for the ballot is 187,119, which is 5% of 3,742,378, which is the total number of registered voters within the District, comprised of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco, as of the date of the last report of registration before the notice of intent was submitted; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2026, proponents for the Initiative Measure submitted petitions containing signatures to the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and to the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco, which were subsequently accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9308, subdivision (a), the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco had completed the initial raw signature count; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Alameda determined that 106,337 signatures had been gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Contra Costa determined that 62,131 signatures had been gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Mateo determined that 22,727 signatures had been gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara determined that 38,433 signatures had been gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco determined that 76,660 signatures had been gathered; and

WHEREAS, the total number of signatures that had been collected across the entire District was 306,288 signatures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (a), the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco used a random sampling technique of three percent (3%) of the total signatures gathered in each county for the verification of signatures; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Alameda reviewed a random sample of 3,191 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 106,337, finding 2,516 valid signatures and 675 invalid signatures, with 3 duplicate signatures found; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Contra Costa reviewed a random sample of 1,864 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 62,131, finding 1,434 valid signatures and 430 invalid signatures, with 1 duplicate signature found; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Mateo reviewed a random sample of 682 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 22,727, finding 553 valid signatures and 129 invalid signatures, with no duplicate signatures found; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters of the County of Santa Clara reviewed a random sample of 1,153 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 38,433, finding 929 valid signatures and 224 invalid signatures, with no duplicate signatures found; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco reviewed a random sample of 2,300 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 76,660, finding 1,828 valid signatures and 472 invalid signatures, with 2 duplicate signatures found; and

WHEREAS, combined, the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco reviewed 9,190 signatures, which is approximately 3% of 306,288, finding 7,260 valid signatures and 1,930 invalid signatures, establishing that approximately 79.00% of signatures were valid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the signature verification formulas set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 20530 through 20532, the projected number of valid signatures reflects a weighted adjustment for the 6 duplicate signatures identified in the random samples; and

WHEREAS, the District Elections Official determined, from the results of the random sample signature verification, that the petition contained an estimated value of 235,503 valid signatures of qualified registered voters in the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (b), the District Elections Official has verified that the combined total of valid signatures, 235,503, exceeds the 110% threshold (205,831) required to declare the Initiative Measure sufficient; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (d), on July 1, 2026, the District Elections Official prepared a "Certificate to Initiative Petition" which found the Initiative Measure to be sufficient, and which is attached as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (f), requires that the certification of the results of the examination of the signatures of the initiative petition be submitted to the Board of the District at the next regular Board meeting following the certification; and

WHEREAS, the next meeting of the Board of the District following the certification of results is this duly noticed meeting on July 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (a), the board of supervisors for each of the aforementioned counties (and city and county) that comprise the District shall call a special election on the Initiative Measure and the special election shall be consolidated with the November 3, 2026, statewide general election and the Initiative Measure shall be submitted to the voters of each of the aforementioned counties (and city and county) comprising the District; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (e), paragraph (1), as the county with the most voters within the District's boundaries, Santa Clara County is the "lead county" pursuant to Elections Code Section 9611, subdivision (b), paragraph (1), and shall perform the duties specified in Elections Code Section 9611, except as otherwise specified in Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (e), paragraph (2); and

WHEREAS, per Elections Code Section 9611, subdivision (c), Santa Clara County shall establish the deadlines for the submittal of arguments for and against the Initiative Measure and rebuttal arguments; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (e), paragraph (2), each county elections official for each county in the District and the elections official of the City and County of San Francisco shall select, from among the submissions of proposed arguments in favor of, and against, the Initiative Measure, the arguments and rebuttal arguments to be included in the county information guide of that county or city and county; and

WHEREAS, per Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (g), the Initiative Measure shall be identified on the ballot by the designation "Regional Transit Measure" and shall appear on the ballot immediately after statewide ballot measures submitted to the voters and before all other local ballot measures submitted to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the District finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of the District accepts the District Elections Official's "Certificate to Initiative Petition" certifying the results of the signature verification and finding that the Initiative Measure contains sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Elections Code Section 9310, subdivision (a)(2), and Elections Code Section 1405, the Board of the District calls a special election for the purpose of submitting the Initiative Measure to the voters of the District to be held on November 3, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (a), the Board of the District requests the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco to call a special election on the Initiative Measure in their respective counties (and city and county) to be held on November 3, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (a), and Elections Code Section 10403, subdivision (a), the Board of the District requests the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco to consolidate the special election with the statewide general election and any special election held on the same date in accordance with Elections Code Section 10400 *et seq.*, and specifically Elections Code Section 10418, and any other provisions of applicable state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, subdivision (b), the resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the adoption of the resolution calling the election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (a), the Board of the District requests the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco to submit the Initiative Measure, which is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit B,** to the voters of each aforementioned county (and city and county) comprising the District pursuant to Government Code Section 67740(a); and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, subdivision (a), the question to be provided to the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco, and their respective Registrar of Voters or Department of Elections, and to be submitted to the Voters concerning the Initiative Measure shall appear on the ballot in the following form:

To prevent major service cuts to BART and other transit, avoid increased traffic, and reduce pollution by: Preserving BART, Caltrain, VTA, SamTrans, AC Transit, Muni, other transit for everyone, including workers, students, seniors, persons with disabilities; Supporting transit safety, cleanliness, affordability, reliability; Repairing targeted roads/potholes; Requiring financial transparency, oversight, accountability; shall the measure enacting a 0.5% (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara counties), and 1% (San Francisco) sales tax for 14 years generating approximately $980,000,000 annually, be adopted?

and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, subdivision (a), the Board of the District directs the District Elections Official, at least 88 days prior to the statewide general election on November 3, 2026, to file with the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco, and their respective Registrar of Voters or Department of Elections, certified copies of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (d), the District's General Counsel is authorized to prepare the impartial analysis of the Initiative

Measure, which shall be filed with the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and with the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (e), paragraph (1), and Elections Code Section 9611, subdivision (c), the Board of the District hereby adopts the Public Transit Revenue Measure District (PTRMD) Special Election Abbreviated Calendar, published by the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters and amended June 12, 2026, and which may be further amended, in full for purposes of any District-based deadlines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (e), paragraph (2), the Board of the District states that it is the responsibility of the county elections official for each county in the District to select, from among the submissions of proposed arguments in favor of, and against, the Initiative Measure, the arguments and rebuttal arguments to be included in the county voter information guide of that county; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of the District requests that the Registrar of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the Department of Elections of the City and County of San Francisco, render full election services relating to the conduct of an election held in each of the aforementioned counties (and city and county) on November 3, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (g), and Elections Code Section 9320, the county clerk of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco shall report the results of the special election to the District Elections Official, and that if a simple majority of voters, assessed based on the cumulative vote within the entire district, and not separately within each county comprising the district, vote in favor of the adoption of the Initiative Measure, the Initiative Measure shall take effect in the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Resolution for any reason be held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Resolution shall be deemed valid, it being expressly declared that this Resolution, and each and every section, subsection, clause and phrase hereof would have been prepared, proposed, approved, adopted and/or ratified even if any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution were declared invalid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of the District empowers and directs the District Elections Official, Executive Director, General Counsel and their designees to take any and all actions necessary under the law to ensure the measure is submitted to the voters during the November 3, 2026 statewide general election and to prepare for and conduct the election, including, but not limited to, amendments and/or corrections to this Resolution or its Exhibits as necessary to conform to any election law or other regulatory requirement, and the District Elections Official is directed to file executed copies of this Resolution with the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco.

PUBLIC TRANSIT REVENUE MEASURE DISTRICT

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Sue Noack, Chair

ATTEST: [redacted]

Kimberly Ward, District Elections Official
Public Transit Revenue Measure District

The above resolution was entered into by the
Public Transit Revenue Measure District at a
duly called and noticed meeting held
in San Francisco, California on July 24, 2026

EXHIBIT A

Public Transit | Revenue Measure District

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ELECTION OFFICIAL'S CERTIFICATE TO INITIATIVE PETITION

Corrected: July 1, 2026

I, Kimberly Ward, District Elections Official of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District ("District"), State of California, do hereby certify the following:

Pursuant to the District's authorization, an initiative petition, entitled the **"Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative"** ("Initiative Measure") was submitted directly to the Registrars of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco **on May 26, 2026**, within the statutory time limit established by Elections Code Section 9306.

The petition contained a combined total of **306,288** unverified signatures; and pursuant to Elections Code Section 9310, subdivision (a), the requisite number of signatures required to qualify the Initiative Measure to the ballot is **187,119**, which is 5% of **3,742,378**, the total number of registered voters within the District. The Registrars of Voters of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco examined the signatures on the petition pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9308 and 9309 and Government Code Section 67740, subdivision (c), and provided the results to the District for determination of sufficiency.

The District has determined that the petition contained an estimated value of **235,503** valid signatures of qualified registered voters in the District, based on the random sample signature verification technique used by each registrar of voters, as set forth in Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (a). Because **235,503** valid signatures exceeds the 110% threshold of **205,831** required to qualify the Initiative Measure, as set forth in Elections Code Section 9309, subdivision (b), the petition was found to be sufficient.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I certify this action through my signature on this 1st day of July 2026.

[redacted]

Kimberly Ward, District Elections Official

Public Transit Revenue Measure District

July 1, 2026

EXHIBIT B

CONNECT BAY AREA TRANSIT INITIATIVE

The people of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known, and may be cited, as the "Connect Bay Area Transit Initiative."

SEC. 2. Findings and Declarations.

The people of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District find and declare all of the following:

(a) The San Francisco Bay Area needs a world-class, reliable, affordable, efficient, and connected public transportation network that connects residents, businesses, and visitors to jobs, services, universities, recreation, and opportunities.

(b) The Bay Area is served by a large public transit network that safely, reliably, and affordably connects millions of residents and visitors each week. This public transit network supports the region's economy and local communities, promotes sustainable growth, provides access to opportunity, and reduces the cost of living for Bay Area families.

(c) Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bay Area's largest public transit systems have experienced fiscal pressures and recurring budget shortfalls that threaten the level and quality of service they can provide. These fiscal pressures imperil the region's transit agencies and threaten to undermine the region's economy, worsen our air quality and public health, increase carbon emissions, and reduce access to opportunity for all transit riders, particularly low-income communities, seniors, people with disabilities, and youth.

(d) Until now, relief funding from the federal government and the state has forestalled drastic service cuts. However, this relief funding is now exhausted and, despite cost control efforts and steady ridership recovery, the Bay Area's largest transit operators — BART, Muni, AC Transit, and Caltrain — collectively face operating deficits of more than $800 million annually starting in the 2027–28 fiscal year.

(e) Agencies have taken significant measures to close their deficits, reduce operating costs, and boost ridership, including freezing hiring, renegotiating contracts, modernizing operations, improving fare enforcement, lowering energy costs, and expanding safety staffing. Crime is down on BART, Muni reliability is at a two-decade high, and Caltrain's new electric service is more efficient and cost-effective.

(f) Even with these efficiency and accountability measures in place, though, these transportation agencies continue to face severe budget deficits that will require drastic service cuts if new revenue is not identified to support operations.

(g) BART could be forced to significantly cut service, including potentially reducing weekly trains, closing lines, eliminating weekend service, shutting stations, and ending weekday service earlier in the evening.

(h) Caltrain could reduce service, potentially running trains on a significantly reduced schedule, ending weekday service earlier in the evening, and eliminating weekend service completely.

(i) Muni could potentially face drastic cuts to bus and Metro lines, suspension of entire neighborhood routes, and reduction of iconic cable car and historic streetcar service.

(j) AC Transit could reduce service, leaving operations significantly below pre-pandemic levels and cutting critical connections for East Bay residents.

(k) Smaller operators, including county bus systems, community shuttles, and rural connectors, face service cuts that threaten lifeline routes for seniors, people with disabilities, students, and essential service workers.

(*l*) Agencies would also be forced to cut maintenance, safety personnel, and cleaning services, leading to declining conditions for riders and a service "death spiral" that could take decades to reverse.

(m) Public transit fiscal needs are particularly severe in the City and County of San Francisco, where the core transit systems of Muni, BART, and Caltrain face significant funding shortfalls.

(n) The Bay Area's public transit network is a lifeline for many communities. Low-income residents make up approximately 31% of BART riders, 38% of Muni riders, and 70% of AC Transit riders. Families, students, seniors, people with disabilities, workers, and visitors rely on transit to access jobs, schools, healthcare, and essential services.

(o) Transportation is the second-largest cost for Bay Area households after housing. For low-income families, owning and operating a car is often impossible. Nearly half of BART riders do not own a car. Reliable transit reduces these costs and keeps the region more affordable.

(p) Transit is the backbone of the regional economy. Restaurants, hospitals, universities, retail districts, and employers depend on workers who rely on transit. Without transit, employers face higher turnover, workers face longer commutes, and economic productivity declines. Commute times could rise by up to 12 hours per week in key corridors if transit service is cut, imposing significant economic and personal burdens.

(q) Without transit, Bay Area roads would be paralyzed. If displaced transit riders shift to cars, Bay Bridge traffic would surge and highways like 101, 80, 280, 680, 880, 85, and 87 would become severely congested.

(r) Public transit is critical to meeting California's climate goals. Transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves air quality by reducing car trips. Without transit, emissions would spike, air pollution would worsen, particularly in low-income communities, and climate progress would stall.

(s) In 2025, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 63 (SB 63) — the Connect Bay Area Act — to authorize a 14-year regional transit revenue measure in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties to support transit operations and rider-focused programs. SB 63 establishes a new Public Transit Revenue Measure District to place a revenue measure on the ballot, or alternatively allows placement of a revenue measure on the ballot through a citizens' initiative. This ordinance constitutes such a citizens' initiative.

SEC. 3. Statement of Purpose.

It is the purpose of the people of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District in enacting this ordinance to achieve all of the following:

(a) To generate approximately $980 million annually to prevent catastrophic transit service cuts, preserve essential lifeline routes, maintain safety and cleanliness standards, and support the coordinated, reliable transit riders depend on.

(b) To provide counties with dedicated funding that stays in the county to support local priorities, strengthen community connections, and maintain neighborhood routes that provide critical first-mile/last-mile access to regional systems.

(c) To provide funding throughout the district commensurate with the needs of transit agencies in each county or city and county, including the heightened need for transit funding in the City and County of San Francisco that will be supported with the proceeds from a higher tax rate in that jurisdiction.

(d) To impose strict oversight and transparency requirements to ensure that every dollar is spent efficiently and directly benefits riders.

(e) To require independent efficiency reviews; performance metrics tied to safety, cleanliness, reliability, and ridership; regional coordination mandates to ensure agencies work together and deliver an integrated customer experience; and a citizen oversight committee to monitor spending, publish public reports, and ensure compliance.

(f) To provide dedicated resources to support and expand reforms the transportation agencies have made — such as regional fare coordination, transfer discounts, coordinated signage and wayfinding — and also require ongoing improvements so that new funding produces cleaner, safer, and more reliable service for all who live and work in the Bay Area.

(g) To impose a temporary special retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which shall be operative for a period of 14 years if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax.

(h) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(i) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

(j) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and, at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. Definitions.

For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "AC Transit" means the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

(b) "Alameda County small bus operators" means the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority and Union City Transit.

(c) "BART" means the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

(d) "Caltrain" means the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board.

(e) "Commission" means the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

(f) "Contra Costa County small bus operators" means the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority, and the Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority.

(g) "Department" means the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

(h) "District" means the Public Transit Revenue Measure District established by Section 67710 of the Government Code.

(i) "Fund" means the Public Transit Revenue Measure Fund established by Section 11.

(j) "Golden Gate Transit" means the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

(k) "Muni" means the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

(*l*) "Public transit expenses" means public transit operations expenses, or expenses for public transit capital improvement projects that maintain or improve public transit service, including expenses for public transit-specific components of a multimodal transportation project.

(m) "San Francisco Bay Ferry" means the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority.

SEC. 5. Retail Transactions Tax.

(a) For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the district, levied on the gross receipts of each retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the district during the period specified in subdivision (c) of Section 15, at the following rates of each retailer's gross receipts:

(1) 0.5 percent in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

(2) 1 percent in the City and County of San Francisco.

(b) For purposes of the retail transactions tax imposed by this section, all retail transactions are consummated at the place of business of the retailer, unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or the retailer's agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the state or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations adopted by the department.

SEC. 6. Use Tax.

(a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the district of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer during the period specified in subdivision (c) of Section 15 for storage, use, or other consumption in the district, at the following rates of the sales price of the property:

(1) 0.5 percent in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

(2) 1 percent in the City and County of San Francisco.

(b) For purposes of the use tax imposed by this section, the sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

SEC. 7. Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, insofar as they relate to sales and use taxes and are not inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

(b) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency in the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the name of the district shall be substituted therefor, except as follows:

(1) The substitution shall not be made in the terms "State Controller," "State Treasurer," "State Treasury," and "Constitution of the State of California."

(2) The substitution shall not be made if it would require action to be taken by or against the district or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the department in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

(3) The substitution shall not be made if the substitution would do either of the following:

(A) Provide a tax exemption with respect to certain sales, storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property that would not otherwise be exempt while such sales, storage, use, or other consumption remains subject to tax by the state under the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(B) Impose a tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property that would not be subject to tax by the state under the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(4) The substitution shall not be made in Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) (1) The name of the district shall be substituted for the word "state" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this state," and in the definition of that phrase, in Section 6203 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(2) "A retailer engaged in business in the district" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the state by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceed five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000). For purposes of this section, a

person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations adopted thereunder.

(d) If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

(e) All amendments to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code that are enacted subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance and that are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code that are enacted subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance, shall automatically become part of this ordinance, provided that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

SEC. 8. Exemptions and Exclusions.

(a) The retail transactions tax imposed by Section 5 shall be subject to the following exemptions and exclusions:

(1) The amount subject to the retail transactions tax shall not include the amount of any sales or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, county, or city and county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code) or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

(2) The sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the district in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of the aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this state, the United States, or any foreign government shall be exempt from the retail transactions tax.

(3) The sales of property which is to be used outside the district and which is shipped to a point outside the district, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to that point by the retailer or the retailer's agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point, are exempt from the retail transactions tax. For purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the district shall be satisfied as follows:

(A) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code, by registration to an out-of-district address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that the address is, in fact, the buyer's principal place of residence.

(B) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-district and a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

(4) (A) The sale of tangible personal property shall be exempt from the retail transactions tax if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

(B) The lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of that property shall be exempt from the retail transactions tax for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph (4), the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not that right is exercised.

(b) The use tax imposed by Section 6 shall be subject to the following exemptions and exclusions:

(1) The amount subject to the use tax shall not include the amount of any sales or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, county, or city and county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code) or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

(2) In addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by the operators directly and exclusively in the use of the aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this state, the United States, or any foreign government shall be exempt from the use tax.

(3) (A) The storage, use, or other consumption in the district of tangible personal property shall be exempt from the use tax if the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

(B) The possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property under a lease which is a continuing purchase of the property shall be exempt from the use tax for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph (3), the storage, use, or other consumption of, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not the right is exercised.

(4) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a retailer engaged in business in the district shall not be required to collect the use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the district or participates within the district in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the district or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the district under the authority of the retailer.

(B) "A retailer engaged in business in the district" shall also include any retailer of a vehicle subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, an aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or an undocumented vessel registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. The retailer shall be required to collect the use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, aircraft, or vessel at an address in the district.

(c) Any person subject to the use tax imposed by Section 6 shall be entitled to credit against that tax any transactions tax, or to reimbursement for a transactions tax, paid to a district imposing, or a retailer liable for, a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

SEC. 9. Contract with the State.

(a) Prior to the operative date of this ordinance, the district shall contract with the department to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this ordinance.

(b) In the event the district does not contract with the department prior to the operative date of this ordinance, the district shall nevertheless so contract and, in that case, the operative date of this ordinance shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of the contract.

SEC. 10. Prohibition on Enjoining Collection.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action, or proceeding in any court against the state or the district, or against any officer of the state or the district, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

SEC. 11. Public Transit Revenue Measure Fund.

(a) There is hereby established in the treasury of the district the Public Transit Revenue Measure Fund.

(b) The proceeds of the retail transactions and use taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be deposited into the fund and shall be expended in accordance with Section 12.

SEC. 12. Expenditure of Tax Proceeds.

Revenues in the fund shall be expended as follows:

(a) The district shall pay the administrative costs associated with the collection of the revenues incurred by the department, and the amounts necessary for the costs incurred by the district or commission to perform the duties required under this ordinance, including, but not limited to, election cost reimbursements specified in Section 67740 of the Government Code, costs incurred for the financial efficiency review described in Section 67762 of the Government Code, costs incurred for any required legal defense, and other one-time costs associated with administering this ordinance.

(b) After the amounts paid in subdivision (a), the district shall transfer the remaining revenues, with no discretion to withhold, reduce, delay, modify, specify the use of, or condition those revenues, as follows:

(1) (A) The revenues described in subparagraph (B) to the commission for the ongoing costs associated with administering this ordinance. If the amount transferred pursuant to this paragraph exceeds that which is necessary for administrative costs in a given year, the commission may use those excess funds for the purposes identified in paragraphs (10) to (12), inclusive.

(B) All of the following revenues shall be transferred to the commission pursuant to this paragraph:

(i) 0.25 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(ii) 0.25 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(iii) 0.13 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(iv) 0.25 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(v) 0.25 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara.

(2) The following revenues to the commission for allocation to BART for transit operations expenses:

(A) 64.70 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 58.59 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(C) 29.14 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(D) 26.64 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(3) The following revenues to the commission for allocation to Muni for transit operations expenses:

(A) 1.09 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(B) 62.87 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(C) 7.40 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(4) The following revenues to the commission for allocation to Caltrain for transit operations expenses:

(A) 3.97 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(B) 24.07 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(C) 10.38 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara.

(5) The following revenues to the commission for allocation to AC Transit for transit operations expenses:

(A) 21.25 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 3.70 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(6) 2.43 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda to the commission for allocation to the Alameda County small bus operators, apportioned among each operator in amounts determined by the Alameda County Transportation Commission, for transit operations expenses.

(7) 11.41 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa to the commission for allocation to the Contra Costa County small bus operators, apportioned among each operator in amounts determined by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, for transit operations expenses.

(8) The following revenues to the commission for allocation to San Francisco Bay Ferry for transit operations expenses:

(A) 1.62 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 0.76 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(C) 0.97 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(9) 0.40 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco to the commission for allocation to Golden Gate Transit for transit operations expenses.

(10) The following revenues to the commission for fare programs, including free and reduced-cost transfers and expanding the Clipper START program:

(A) 2.78 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 2.78 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(C) 1.40 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(D) 2.78 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(E) 2.78 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara.

(11) The following revenues to the commission for accessibility programs and projects:

(A) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(C) 0.56 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(D) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(E) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara.

(12) The following revenues to the commission for mapping and wayfinding and transit priority projects and programs:

(A) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda.

(B) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa.

(C) 0.56 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the City and County of San Francisco.

(D) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo.

(E) 1.11 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara.

(13) 4.75 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Alameda to the Alameda County Transportation Commission for public transit expenses and roadway repavement projects on roads served by fixed-route transit.

(14) 19.20 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Contra Costa to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for public transit expenses and roadway repavement projects on roads served by fixed-route transit.

(15) 36.64 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of San Mateo to the San Mateo County Transit District for public transit expenses and roadway repavement projects on roads served by fixed-route transit.

(16) 84.37 percent of all revenues generated within the territory of the County of Santa Clara to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for public transit expenses and roadway repavement projects on roads served by fixed-route transit.

(c) The allocation of revenues by the commission pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be subject to Sections 67766, 67770, 67786, and 67788 of the Government Code, or any subsequent amendments of those provisions.

SEC. 13. Independent Oversight Committee.

As required by Section 67754 of the Government Code, within six months of the effective date of this ordinance the district shall establish an independent oversight committee to ensure that any revenues generated pursuant to this ordinance are distributed and transferred by the district consistent with the applicable requirements of this ordinance. The committee may be consolidated with the oversight committee established pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 30923 of the Streets and Highways Code. The committee shall consist of either one or two representatives from each county included within the jurisdiction of the district, appointed by the applicable county board of supervisors. The oversight committee may request any documents from the district to assist the committee in performing its functions.

SEC. 14. Annual Appropriations Limit.

Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution and other applicable laws, the appropriations limit for the district shall be adjusted periodically, as permitted by the California Constitution, by the aggregate sum of taxes collected under this ordinance.

SEC. 15. Effective and Operative Dates.

(a) This ordinance shall be considered adopted on the date the vote is declared by the district's governing board and shall go into effect 10 days after that date.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 9, this ordinance shall become operative on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the election at which this ordinance appeared on the ballot.

(c) The retail transactions and use taxes enacted by this ordinance shall be imposed beginning on the operative date of this ordinance for a period of 14 years from that date.

SEC. 16. Severability.

It is the intent of the people that the provisions of this ordinance are severable and that if any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SEC. 17. Amendment.

Except for amendments that would increase the amount of the taxes enacted by this ordinance or extend the period during which those taxes may be imposed, the district's governing board may amend this ordinance without submitting the amendment to the voters for approval, provided that the amendment furthers the purposes of this ordinance as enacted by the voters.

SEC. 18. Conflicting Measures.

(a) This ordinance is intended to be comprehensive. In the event that this ordinance appears on the same ballot as another measure relating to retail transactions and use taxes for the benefit of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District, the provisions of the other measure shall be deemed to be in conflict with this ordinance. If this ordinance receives a greater number of affirmative votes than a measure deemed to be in conflict with it, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail in their entirety, and the provisions of the other measure shall be null and void.

(b) If this ordinance is approved by the voters but is superseded by another conflicting measure approved by the voters at the same election, and the conflicting measure is later held invalid, this ordinance shall be self-executing and given full force and effect.

SEC. 19. Liberal Construction.

This ordinance is an exercise of the initiative power of the people of the Public Transit Revenue Measure District to impose special taxes for the purposes set forth in this ordinance, and it shall be liberally construed to effectuate those purposes.

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☑ **Argument in Favor** **(300 words or less)**

☐ **Argument Against** **(300 words or less)**

Measure letter: Regional Transit Measure

Title of Election: ____________

Jurisdiction: Public Transit Revenue Measure District

Election Date: November 3, 2026

Submitted by: (select one)

☐ **The Governing Body of Alameda County, a school district, or a special district**
A governing board member who signs an argument must be authorized to do so by the governing board.

☐ **Bona Fide Organization**
Arguments from a bona fide organization must be signed by one of the principal officers. The individual signing an argument on behalf of a bona fide organization does not have to be a registered voter in the jurisdiction.

☑ **Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure**
Individual(s) signing an argument must be registered voters eligible to vote on the measure.

Indicate County Board Member or Specific District: (if applicable)
Name of Organization/Association: (if applicable)

Contact Person's Printed Name: Eliseo Mercado Pedraza

Title:

Address: [redacted]

Phone #: [redacted]

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☑ **Grant** ☐ **Deny**

Permission to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to post the below listed information on the Alameda County Registrar of Voters internet site.

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Signatu[redacted]	Date: 8/3/26

Argument/Rebuttal Signatures

Submitted by:

Name: Eliseo Mercado Pedraza	Phone#: [redacted]
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Measure ________ **Election Date:** ____________ **Jurisdiction:** ____________________

- [x] **Argument in Favor (300 words or less)**
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Hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

#	Print Name	Title	Residence Address	Signature	Date	The Governing Body of Alameda County, a school district, or a special district	Bona Fide Organization	Individual (s) eligible to vote on the measure
1.	Louise Rothman-Riemer	Co President, League of Women Voters Bay Area	[redacted]	[redacted]	7-29-26	☐	☑	☐
2.	Zac Unger	Firefighter	[redacted]	[redacted]	Aug 3 2026	☐	☐	☑
3.	Xiomara Cisneros	Board Member, Greenbelt Alliance	[redacted]	[redacted]	7/31/2026	☐	☑	☐
4.	Sandra J. Johnson	Treasurer, United Seniors of Alameda County	[redacted]	[redacted]	7/30/26	☐	☑	☐
5.	JOHN PEARSON	RN, Emergency Room Nurse	[redacted]	[redacted]	07/29/26	☐	☐	☑

A strong public transportation system is critical for Alameda County residents.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of people rely on public transit to get to work, school, medical appointments, and local businesses. Our public transit system reduces traffic, supports the local economy, and ensures everyone has an affordable way to get where they need to go- including families, seniors, people with disabilities, students, and workers.

Today, Bay Area transit faces a turning point. Without new funding from the Regional Transit Measure, we will experience significant and deep cuts to public transit systems -- setting us back decades.

If this measure fails we could see major station closures and drastic service cuts for BART, AC Transit, Muni, and Caltrain. Thousands of Alameda County residents ride transit regularly, but the potential cuts to BART and AC Transit service will impact everyone.

Without the Regional Transit Measure, BART could be forced to scale their system back to what it looked like in 1976, closing 15 stations, including South Hayward, Warm Springs, and the entire Dublin/Pleasanton line including Castro Valley, West Dublin, Dublin/Pleasanton, and the Oakland Airport Connector. And AC Transit could see service reductions and layoffs - resulting in longer waits, slower service, and more crowded buses.

If this measure fails, thousands of people would be forced onto our already congested roads and freeways every single day- worsening air pollution, making traffic jams start earlier and last longer, and resulting in most of us spending more time behind the wheel and less time at home with our families.

The Regional Transit Measure protects the public transit that local residents depend on while requiring local transportation investments - with strong accountability and oversight that requires large transit agencies to show cost savings to continue to receive dedicated operating funding. And it doesn't tax rent, utilities, prescription medicines, or most groceries.

Join us and Vote Yes on the Regional Transit Measure. www.connectbayarea.com

July 31, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

As Board Chair of the Greenbelt Alliance, I authorize Xiomara Cisneros to sign the argument in favor for the Connect Bay Area Act on the November 3, 2026 election as a representative of the organization.

Sincerely,

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Laurel Prevetti
Board Chair
Greenbelt Alliance

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To Whom it May Concern:

As President of the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, I authorize Treasurer Sandra Johnson to sign the argument in favor for the Connect Bay Area Act on the November 3, 2026 election as a representative of the organization.

Sincerely,

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President

United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County

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To Whom it May Concern:

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area has voted to support the Connect Bay Area Act ballot measure for the November 3, 2026, election. The League further authorizes the use of its name and the signature of our Co-President in the official ballot argument in favor of the measure.

As Co-President of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area, I certify that I am authorized to sign the ballot argument in favor of the Connect Bay Area Act on behalf of the organization.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Louise Rothman-Riemer

Co-President

League of Woman Voters of the Bay Area

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Measure letter:

Title of Election: 2026 General Election

Jurisdiction: Alameda County

Election Date: 11/3/2026

Submitted by: (select one)

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Indicate County Board Member or Specific District: (if applicable)
Name of Organization/Association: (if applicable)
Alameda County Taxpayers' Association

Contact Person's Printed Name: Marcus Crawley	Address: [redacted]
Title: President, ACTA	

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1.	Marcus Crawley	President, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/3/26	☐	☒	☐
2.	Marleen Sacks	Attorney	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/2/26	☐	☐	☒
3.	Nancy Sidebothem	Tax Preparer	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/2/26	☐	☐	☒
4.	Steve Kauzlarich	Member, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/2/26	☐	☒	☐
5.	Damian Park	Former Chair, Berkeley Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/2/26	☐	☐	☒

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Argument Against Regional Transit Measure

The new Regional Transit Measure (RTM) Tax makes life in the Bay Area less affordable. Vote NO.

The Bay Area already is an expensive place to live. Working class families are barely surviving. **The RTM Tax would make it worse:**

- Prices of groceries, gasoline, rent, and utilities keep going up.
- Everybody would pay this tax every day, on most things you buy.
- Necessities like prepared **food**, **clothing**, pet food, and over-the-counter **medicines** are taxed.
- **Seniors, students, the disabled, and low-income neighbors are hurt the most.**

Your Sales Tax is too high already:

- The RTM is a **NEW TAX** that would raise the Sales Tax rate to **11.25%** in most of Alameda County.
- You'd pay total Sales Tax around $1.12 for every $10.00 of prepared food and $112.50 for a $1,000 smartphone, for example.
- As local small businesses struggle, the RTM Tax could scare away customers and **eliminate jobs**.

The RTM Tax is too big ($14,000,000,000.00) **and lasts too long** (14 years).

- The RTM Tax would collect nearly a Billion Dollars every year until 2041.

You can't trust BART and AC Transit with more of your tax money:

- Most of Alameda County's RTM tax would be given directly to BART (64.7%) and AC Transit (21.25%) as **"bailout."**
- You already pay BART and AC Transit $100,000,000.00's of Sales Taxes, Property Taxes, and Bridge Tolls every year – on top of fares, if you ride.
- BART's taxpayer subsidy per passenger increased 729% from 2019-2024.
- BART and AC Transit are **grossly mismanaged**. They gave pay/benefits above $250,000 to 600 employees in 2024. The RTM Tax picks *your* pocket to fill *theirs*.

- BART and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority claim they're broke. But an **unnecessary** $13,000,000,000.00 extension to downtown San José with 4 new BART stations is under construction.

- You shouldn't give them more money until they stop their **wasteful spending**.

Vote *NO* on the Regional Transit Measure Tax!

https://NoNewTransitTax.com

BY-LAWS
OF THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I -- NAME

Section 1. The name of the association shall be Alameda County Taxpayers Association (ACTA).

ARTICLE II -- DEFINITION

Section 1. The term "Taxpayer" includes all individuals, firms, corporations, unincorporated associations, and governments who are residents of and/or subject to taxes, fees, and assessments (hereinafter, "taxes" shall be understood to be inclusive of fees, assessments, and another payments imposed by governmental entities) in Alameda County, and all associations and organizations whose members are residents of and/or subject to taxes in Alameda County. While the primary focus of ACTA will be on the County of Alameda, the cities, special districts, and joint powers organizations contained within Alameda County, and multi-county and regional governmental entities that include Alameda County, ACTA may, as determined by the Officers, Board Members, and/or Members of ACTA, ACTA also review State of California, interstate compacts, and Federal governmental organizations and their finances and operations.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the association shall be:

(a) To assure that public monies are collected and spent in a prudent, economical, productive, and efficient basis.

(b) To assure that local taxes are spent in accordance with the approval of the voters as it affects Alameda County taxpayers.

(c) To encourage public interest in the conduct of public business affecting Alameda County taxpayers.

Section 2. In furtherance of these purposes and objectives, but not in limitation thereof, the association shall:

(a) Monitor the work of the various departments and functions of government.

(b) Collect and disseminate statistics and other information of a general economic, social and governmental character, to analyze subjects relating thereto, and to secure and present the views of the members to other organizations, the government and the public.

(c) Cooperate, assist, and work with other organizations and agencies to accomplish the objectives of the association.

(d) Engage in any lawful activities which will enhance the efficient and economic progress of the public business as it affects Alameda County taxpayers and to inform the public of its scope and character.

Section 3. Annual goals shall be developed by the association's Executive Committee approved by the Board of Directors or the general membership, as the general membership shall determine.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active: Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, trust, or unincorporated association who is a resident of and/or subject to taxes in Alameda County, or any organization or association whose members are subject to taxes in Alameda County, is eligible to become an active member of this association.

Section 2. Election of Members: Any person, firm, corporation, association, organization, or unincorporated association eligible to membership under these by-laws may be elected to membership upon application. Any former ACTA member may renew membership. Any taxpayer not otherwise eligible for membership may apply to become a member. For such election, a majority of the votes of the Board of Directors (Board) is required. The decision of the Board shall be final and not subject to review except as the Board may elect.

Section 3. Voting: Each active member other than an individual shall appoint a person to be its representative in the association who shall represent, vote, and act for the member in all the affairs of the association. A member shall have only one (1) voting right.

Section 4. Duration of Membership and Resignation: Membership in this association may terminate by death, voluntary withdrawal as herein provided, or otherwise in pursuance of these by-laws. All rights, privileges, and interest of a member in or to the association shall cease on the termination of membership. Any member may, by giving written notice of such intention, withdraw from membership. Withdrawals shall be effective upon fulfillment of all obligations to the association.

Section 5. Suspension and Expulsion: For cause any membership may be suspended or terminated. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be violation of the by-laws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by the association, or any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the association. Suspension or expulsion shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors provided, that a statement of the charges shall have been mailed by registered post to the last address of the member at least fifteen (15) days before final action is taken thereon. This statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges shall be considered and the member shall have the opportunity to appear in person or by his representative and present any defense to such charges before action is taken thereon.

Section 6. Division of Members: The Active members of the association shall be divided into three divisions: (1) Residential; (2) Industrial; (3) General (commercial, professional, agricultural, organizational, and others not specifically classified).

ARTICLE V -- DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of each member, and the time for payment of dues, shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Delinquency and Cancellations: Members who fail to pay their dues or assessments within ninety (90) days from the time the same shall become due shall be notified by the Secretary-Treasurer, and, if payment is not made within the next succeeding thirty (30) days, shall be dropped from the rolls and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, unless such suspension is waived by affirmative action of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Refunds: No dues shall be refunded to any member whose membership terminates for any reason.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: There shall be an annual meeting of the association, during the month of January, for installation of the members of the Board of Directors, for receiving annual reports, and the transaction of other business. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to the last recorded address or e-mail address of each active member.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the members shall be on the call of the President or any five (5) members of the Board of Directors or any twenty-five (25) active members. Such call shall be in writing and at least fifteen (15) days prior to any meeting of the members in the manner prescribed. Specify the day, hour, and place of meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.

Section 3. Quorum: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the active members, or seven active members, whichever is lessor, present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all deliberations, when not in conflict with these by-laws.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors (Board) shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the association, shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of the by-laws, shall actively prosecute its objectives and shall have discretion in the disbursements of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer and no fewer than two additional (2) active members of the Association, or the duly appointed representative of a member, who shall be elected by written ballot as herein provided. The total number of Board members shall be an odd number. Half of the non-officer members of the Board shall be elected each year to serve for a term of two (2) years commencing January 1st or until their successors have been elected and assume office. Any director shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 3. The officers and directors of the association shall be elected by written and/or e-mail ballot as follows: On or before December 15th of each year, the nominating committee shall submit a list of candidates to serve as directors of this association in place of those directors whose terms will expire on the ensuing January 1st. All ballots must be returned to the association via the stipulated procedure for each election not later than 5:00 p.m., Dec. 31st of such year. Candidates for directors receiving the greatest number of the votes cast shall be elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer shall be members ex-officio of the Board, with right to vote.

Section 5. Regular Meeting: Except that the Board shall have a regular meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting the Board shall meet upon call of the President at such time and places as the President may designate, and shall be called to meet upon demand of a majority of its members. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent to each member of the Board. All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the attendance of members of the association. At the discretion of the President, Board meetings may take place preceding, concurrent with, or following a meeting of the general membership.

Section 6. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board for any purpose or purposes whatever shall be called at any time by the President, or if the President be absent or be unable or refuse to act, by the Vice President, or by any three (3) directors upon due notice in writing or *via* e-mail provided to each director.

Section 7. Quorum: Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and every act or decision taken by a majority of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the directors at which a quorum was present shall be valid. Any less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum be present.

Section 8. Absence: If a Director is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings for reasons which the Board has failed to declare to be sufficient, the Director's resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered and accepted.

Section 9. Alternates: Any director may provide a list of alternates to the Secretary of the association and any such alternate may attend a meeting of the Board, in place and stead of the regular Board members and have full power to act. All directors and alternates must be members or employees of an organization which is a member.

Section 10. Vacancies: Any vacancies that may occur on the Board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by appointment of the remaining members of the Board for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers of this association shall be members of and consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, or the general membership, as the Board of Directors shall determine, at a regular meeting of the Board or the general membership, held no later than December 31st of each year. Election shall be by ballot or e-mail and a majority of the votes cash shall elect.

Section 2. Each elective officer shall take office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until said officer shall resign, be removed, be disqualified, or until said officer's successor shall be elected.

Section 3. Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by a member appointed by the Directors at any regular or special meeting.

Section 4. President: The President shall be the chief officer of the organization, and shall preside at meetings of the association and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and shall be a member ex-officio, with right to vote, of all committees except the committee on nominations. The president shall also perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Vice President: The Vice President may, in order of their designation by the Board of Directors, be delegated by the Board to perform the duties of the President, in the event of the President's temporary disability or absence from meetings. At the discretion of the President and/or the Board, the Vice President may also be delegated to supervise and report to the Board on such matters as the Board may deem desirable.

Section 6. Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be in charge of the Association's funds and records; shall collect all member dues and/or assessments; shall have established proper accounting procedures for the keeping of the funds in such banks, trust companies and/or investments as are approved by the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer shall report on the financial condition of the association at all meetings of the Board and at other times when called upon by the President. At the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare an annual report to the Board and the general membership . At the expiration of the term of office, the Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver over to the Secretary-Treasurer's successor books, money, and other property in the Secretary-Treasurer's charge, or, in the absence of a successor, shall deliver such properties to the President. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, shall be responsible for the proper and legal mailing of notices to members; shall see to the proper recording of proceedings of meetings of the association, Board of Directors and all committees; carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions, not otherwise committed. The Secretary-Treasurer shall see that accurate records are kept of all members. Such duties of the Secretary-Treasurer as may be specified by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may be delegated to the Vice President or a designated member of the association's staff.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint such standing, special or sub-committee as may required by the by-laws or as may be found necessary.

Section 2. Committee on Nominations: On or before November 1st of each year, the President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a nomination committee of at least three (3) members of the association. This committee shall perform its duties in accordance with the provisions and directions of Article VII of these by-laws.

ARTICLE X - ELECTRONIC VOTE

Section 1. Whenever, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, any question shall arise which it considers should be put to a vote of the active membership and when it deems it inexpedient to call a special meeting for such purpose, the Directors may, unless otherwise required by these by-laws, submit such a matter to the membership in writing by e-mail for vote and decision, and the question thus presented shall be determined according to a majority of the votes received by e-mail within four (4) days after such submission to the membership provided that in each case votes of at least twenty-five (25) percent of the members shall be received. Any and all action taken in pursuance of a majority e-mail vote in each such case shall be binding upon the association in the same manner as would action taken at a duly called meeting.

ARTICLE XI - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year shall commence on May 1st and shall end on April 30th of each year.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to exercise a vote at any meeting duly noticed, or by written consent of such membership or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at any meeting duly noticed, provided that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration shall be mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Update Adopted: February 13, 2020

[redacted]-----
Marcus Crawley – President ACTA

[redacted]--------------------
Thomas A. Rubin – Vice President ACTA

Argument/Rebuttal Signatures

Submitted by:

Name: Thomas A. Rubin | Phone#: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

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Measure Regional Transit S **Election Date:** 11/3/26 **Jurisdiction:** Alameda County

Regional Transit Sales Tax

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1.	Thomas Rubin	Vice President, Alameda County Taxpayer's Association	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/~~9~~/26 10	☐	☒	~~☒~~
2.	Debora Allen	Board Member, Contra Costa Taxpayers Association	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/10/26	☐	☒	~~☒~~
3.	David K. Denton	16-Year Berkeley Resident	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/10/26	☐	☐	☒
4.	Terry Floyd	San Leandro Taxpayer	[redacted]	[redacted]	8-10-2026	☐	☐	☒
5.	Anjali Lathi	Board Director, ~~Director,~~ Union Sanitary District	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/~~8~~/26 10	☐	☐	☒

Release of Signatures for Rebuttal Arguments

Submitted by:

Name: Marcus Crawley

Phone #: [redacted]

E-Mail Address: [redacted]

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Measure ________ Election Date: 11/3/2026 Jurisdiction: Alameda County

The undersigned author(s) of the direct argument

☐ In Favor ☒ Against

The original signers were:

1. Print Name: Marcus Crawley
Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/3/26

2. Print Name: Marleen Sacks
Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/2/26

3. Print Name: Nancy Sidebothem
Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/2/26

4. Print Name: Steve Kauzlarich
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5. Damian Park
Signature: [redacted] Date: 8/2/26

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Contra Costa Taxpayers Association

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August 11, 2026

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To Whom it May Concern:

I confirm that Debora Allen is a Board Member of the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

I further confirm that she is authorized by our organization to sign the Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of the Regional Transit Measure in her capacity as a Board Member.

Regards,

[redacted]

Marc Joffe
President

Don't believe the "sky is falling" threats. We can't trust the transit industrial complex. Special interests are spending millions on political campaigns to protect their cashflow by convincing working families to pay **BILLIONS** more – on top of the >$6 billion transit agencies now receive annually.

A NO vote doesn't have to shut down transit. It means transit agencies must correct their history of mismanagement, control rapidly growing costs, follow Grand Jury and Inspector General recommendations, and pursue alternatives before demanding nearly $17 billion more. They should have started doing that decades ago.

While agencies clean up their act, lawmakers can divert the annual $1 billion of State cap-and-invest money squandered on high-speed rail, to support transit operations. Local agencies should pause or cancel Valley Link, freeing up another $400 million, and the wasteful BART extension to San Jose.

Don't be fooled by promises of "strong accountability and oversight".

Proponents claim agencies must "show cost savings" to keep receiving funding. **That's misleading.** The measure does not condition funding on cost reductions. Agencies can simply ignore oversight recommendations.

Even worse, the transit agencies oversee themselves. BART, Muni, AC Transit and Caltrain each get seats on the committee overseeing their financial efficiency, while MTC appoints all "independent" experts.

It's the fox guarding the henhouse.

Real accountability means independent oversight, measurable efficiency targets, and consequences for failing to control costs—**before low-income residents shoulder the largest burden of this new tax.**

Demand fixes before more funding.

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Submitted by:

Name:	Eliseo Mercado Pedraza	Phone#:	[redacted]
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Measure Regional Transit Measure **Election Date:** Nov 3, 2026 **Jurisdiction:** Public Transit Revenue Measure District

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1.	Louise Rothmann-Riemer	Co President, League of Women Voters Bay Area	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/8/26	☐	☑	☐
2.	Zac Unger	Fire Fighter	[redacted]	[redacted]	Aug 8 2026	☐	☐	☑
3.	ZACHARY ACCUARDI	Transportation Policy Expert	[redacted]	[redacted]	10 Aug 2026	☐	☐	☑
4.	BRIAN KATAOKA	CFO, United Way Bay Area	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/10/2026	☐	☑	☐
5.	EMILY LOPER	Small Business Advocate	[redacted]	[redacted]	8/7/26	☐	☐	☑

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Submitted by:

Name: Eliseo Mercado Pedraza

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Measure ________ **Election Date:** ____________ **Jurisdiction:** ______________________

The undersigned author(s) of the direct argument

☑ **In Favor** ☐ **Against**

The original signers were:

1.	Print Name: Louise Rothman-Riemer	
	Signature: [redacted]	Date: 7-29-26
2.	Print Name: Zac Unger	
	Signature: [redacted]	Date: August 3 2026
3.	Print Name: Xiomara Cisneros	
	Signature: [redacted]	Date: 7/31/2026
4.	Print Name: Sandra J. Johnson	
	Signature: [redacted]	Date: 7/30/26
5.	Print Name: JOHN PEARSON	
	Signature: [redacted]	Date: 07/29/26

It's undeniable - severe BART and AC Transit service cuts would affect all Alameda County residents - worsening traffic and straining transportation options for hundreds of thousands of Bay Area residents who need to get to work or medical appointments.

Please consider the FACTS and don't be misled by half-truths and exaggerations:

FACT: Before supporting the Regional Transit Measure, business groups and local leaders ensured the measure included strong accountability and oversight requirements - BART and AC Transit must show cost savings to continue to receive dedicated operating funding.

FACT: Based on detailed financial analysis and projections, BART and other transit agencies have been crystal clear - failure of Regional Transit Measure could force the system to be scaled back to what it looked like in 1976- closing 15 stations, including South Hayward, Warm Springs, and the entire Dublin/Pleasanton line including Castro Valley, West Dublin, Dublin/Pleasanton, and the Oakland Airport Connector. And AC Transit risks service reductions and layoffs - resulting in longer waits, slower service, and more crowded buses.

FACT: taxpayers from across Alameda County support the Regional Transit Measure, along with stakeholders who don't always agree- business, labor, environmental, and community groups.

FACT: Without this measure, commutes would be longer and more unpredictable as people who depend on transit are forced onto already-crowded streets, roads and highways.

FACT: The Regional Transit Measure invests money directly into Alameda County communities, providing funding for transit improvements and road repaving.

FACT: Don't be misled- Regional Transit Measure does NOT tax rent, utilities, prescription medicines, or most groceries.

VOTE YES ON RTM to preserve our Bay Area quality of life for future generations - www.connectbayarea.com

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To Whom it May Concern:

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area has voted to support the Regional Transit Measure for the November 3, 2026, election. The League further authorizes the use of its name and the signature of our Co-President on the official rebuttal to the argument against the measure.

As Co-President of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area, I certify that I am authorized to sign the rebuttal to the argument against the Regional Transit Measure on behalf of the organization.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Louise Rothman-Riemer

Co-President

League of Woman Voters of the Bay Area

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To Whom it May Concern:

As Chief Financial Officer of United Way Bay Area, I am authorized to sign the rebuttal to the argument against the Regional Transit Measure on the November 3, 2026 election as a representative of the organization.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Brian Kataoka

Chief Financial Officer

United Way Bay Area

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
UNITED WAY BAY AREA

2026
CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS

April 17, 2026

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the United Way Bay Area ("UWBA") hereby ratifies and vests in the below-named directors, officers, and executives the powers and authority to make, execute, endorse and deliver in the name of and on behalf of UWBA, but shall not be limited to, any and all written instruments, agreements, documents, execution of deeds, powers of attorney, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations, certificates, and other instruments of whatever nature entered into by UWBA, and regarding the assets and accounts of UWBA as described in these resolutions, in each case effective as of April 17, 2026 (collectively, the "Authorized Persons"):

   Gioia McCarthy, Chair of the Board
   Keisha Browder, CEO
   Alice Chen, Vice Chair
   Pete Manzo, Treasurer
   Kevin Johnson, Secretary
   Kelly Batson, Chief Impact Officer
   Sara Brissenden-Smith, Chief Culture Officer
   Amanda Kiernan Martin, Chief Philanthropy Officer
   Brian Kataoka, Chief Financial Officer

2. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Persons be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, singly or jointly and for and on behalf of UWBA, to transfer, convert, endorse, sell, assign, set over, and deliver any and all shares of stocks, bonds, debentures, notes, subscription warrants, stock purchase warrants, evidences of indebtedness, or other securities or real property, now or hereafter standing in the name of or owned by UWBA, and to make, execute, and deliver, any and all written instruments of assignment and transfer necessary or proper to effectuate the authority thereby confirmed. Instructions for the purchases or sales hereby authorized may be given by any authorized designee and all proceeds shall be payable to "United Way Bay Area" by check or credited to a bank or trust account of UWBA.

3. FURTHER RESOLVED, that transfers to a third party of funds or securities that UWBA has on deposit with any bank or other financial institution may be approved by any one Authorized Person, and subject to such approval which shall be documented by the required signature, the transfer may be executed electronically by any Authorized Person, or Kobi Amo-Mensah, Controller, under the supervision of any Authorized Person.

4. FURTHER RESOLVED, that transfers of funds or securities between financial accounts of the UWBA in any amount may be approved and executed by any Authorized Person, or Kobi Amo-Mensah, Controller, under the supervision of any Authorized Person.

5. FURTHER RESOLVED, that checks on UWBA's accounts at any bank or other financial institution may be signed by any one Authorized Person, and a facsimile plate bearing the signature of any of them may be used to validate such checks.

6. FURTHER RESOLVED, that any two of the Authorized Persons be and they hereby are, authorized and empowered, jointly and for and on behalf of UWBA, to have access to and control the contents of any safe deposit box of UWBA.

7. FINALLY RESOLVED, that any of the Authorized Persons be, and he or she hereby is, authorized and empowered, singly and for and on behalf of UWBA, to make, execute, and deliver instruments in writing pertaining to the borrowing of monies such as lines of credit, revolving credit arrangements or term loan agreements, but only if such borrowing has been approved by the Board or a committee of the Board that consists solely of Directors of UWBA.

Certified to be a true and accurate copy:

[redacted] 5/7/2026

Kevin Johnson
Secretary
April 17, 2026