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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Chris Patterson-Simmons and I represent 2 viable businesses as well as represent the East Santa Clara Street Business Association.

I am writing to urge your support of \$750 million in cap-and-trade funds for the BART Extension Silicon Valley Phase II Project.

As you know, this extension linking Silicon Valley with the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area is bringing jobs, environmental benefits, and critical transit-oriented development, both affordable and market-rate housing to the regionally significant Jobs center of Santa Clara County.

Santa Clara County voters have repeatedly approved sales taxes worth more the \$4 billion for this project.

State investment is crucial to maintaining the support that this project has received from Federal resources, which could potentially supply up to 40% of the projects funding if the rest is secured.

I urge your support of \$750 million in cap-and-trade funds for infrastructure that will complete the public transportation ring around the Bay.

Sincerely,

Chris Patterson-Simmons
Multi Business Owner /San Jose
Stakeholder
President of the ESCBA

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