

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Davide Vieira and I represent BART Transit Village Advocates and Friends of Five Wounds Trail.

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

I have lived 51 years on the same block in the Little Portugal Neighborhood in which the future 28th Street/Little Portugal BART Station will be located, just a quarter mile from the station.

I participated, along with about 300 other neighbors, in the creation of the BART Station Area Community Concept Plan beginning in 2008 and finalized in 2010. This large plan was used to create four urban village plans centered on the 28th Street/Little Portugal Station. These four plans were the first urban village plans approved by the City Council in 2013. They have since been modified and enhanced in 2018 and will be opened up again for review later this year.

As you know, this BART extension linking Silicon Valley with the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area will bring jobs, environmental benefits, and critical transit-oriented development, both affordable and market-rate housing, to historically under resourced East San José.

Santa Clara County voters have repeatedly approved sales taxes worth more than \$4 billion for this project. State investment is crucial to maintaining the support the project has received from federal resources, which could potentially supply up to 40% of the project funding if the rest is secured.

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

Sincerely,



Davide Vieira

