

Therese W. McMillan

In Recognition and Appreciation of Service in Fostering collaborative Problem Solving among the regional agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area

WHEREAS, Therese W. McMillan, in her role as the Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), brought her considerable expertise and thoughtful deliberation to BARC, working collaboratively with her colleagues at the other regional agencies to zero in on how to accelerate progress in addressing climate change and fostering a more equitable Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Therese W. McMillan played a key role in growing the region's capacity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable growth through better integration of housing, land use, transportation, environmental conservation, and climate adaptation, described in Plan Bay Area 2050; and,

WHEREAS, Therese W. McMillan prioritized the advancement of social equity and inclusion inside and outside of ABAG and MTC; and she worked closely with partners to chart a groundbreaking model of regional collaboration focused on addressing climate hazard mitigation and climate resilience through a social equity lens; and,

WHEREAS, Therese W. McMillan, in her role as Executive Director of ABAG and MTC, confronted serious regional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the changing nature of work, a transit fiscal cliff, and the ever-growing challenge of accessible affordable housing; and yet, nonetheless she persisted, with leadership and grace, sharing her poetry and humanity while navigating these challenging waters;

Now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board and the Executive Management Team of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Caltrans District 4, the California State Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board hereby recognize the distinguished efforts of Therese W. McMillan in advancing regionalism, helping the Bay Area understand the causes and impacts of climate change, and better positioning the Bay Area to address this challenge in a meaningful way.

Set Forth in Appreciation, This 20th Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Jesse Arreguin, Chairperson
Bay Area Regional Collaborative