

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
2 **JOINT MEETING WITH THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**
3 **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021, 9:35 A.M.**

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5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY, MY NAME IS
6 ALFREDO PEDROZA ALONG WITH VICE CHAIR. WE'RE GOING TO SPECIAL
7 JOINT MEETING OF MTC AND BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.
8 IF WE CAN PLEASE PLAY THE BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT.

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10 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED
11 AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL
12 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS
13 MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL
14 CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER
15 SPEAKERS, BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE
16 THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS
17 PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS
18 ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO
19 VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING
20 BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE
21 OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
22 APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON
23 BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED
24 THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT,
25 PROVIDING ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS



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1 VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
2 INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO
3 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE
4 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD
5 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE
6 THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
7 APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL
8 ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE
9 CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM
10 EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALEX. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM
13 1, IF WE CAN PLEASE DO ROLL CALL

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15 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** YES, WILL BE THE ROLL FOR MTC AND BAHFA.
16 PEDROZA?

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18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** HERE.

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20 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ? JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-
21 KOGA?

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23 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE

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25 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** COMMISSIONER AHN?



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2 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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4 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ IS ABSENT.

5 CONNOLLY?

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7 **SPEAKER:** HERE

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9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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11 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** COMMISSIONER IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER

14 LICCARDO IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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16 **NATE MILEY:** HERE.

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18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PAPAN?

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20 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE

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22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** COMMISSIONER RABBITT IS ABSENT. RONEN?

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24 **HILLARY RONEN:** HERE.

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SCHAAF?

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3 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** HERE

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SPERING?

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7 **JAMES SPERING:** HERE.

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9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WORTH?

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11 **AMY WORTH:** HERE.

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13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:**

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15 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RANDY RENTSCHLER CAN PLEASE

16 LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE

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18 **SPEAKER:** REALLY, GOSH? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO START THIS, BUT I I

19 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

20 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,

21 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WELL DONE, RANDY. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

24 LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 3. COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I'M MAKING
2 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
3 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDANT
4 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS
5 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH MEMBER
6 IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. NOW WE MOVE ON TO
9 ITEM 4. THIS IS OUR JOINT CONSENT FOR MTC AND BAHFA, WE DO
10 NEED TWO SEPARATE MOTIONS. SO THE FIRST MOTION, I WILL
11 ENTERTAIN AS A MOTION FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR MTC. AND I
12 WILL -- BEFORE WE ENTERTAIN THE MOTION, KIMBERLY HAVE WE
13 RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM

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15 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO, WE SAID NOTHING IN WRITING FOR THIS
16 ITEM AND I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

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18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT, I ENTERTAIN A E MONTH
19 FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR MTC.

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21 **SPEAKER:** MOVE APPROVAL

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23 **SPEAKER:** SECOND ABE BEE KOGA

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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T GET THE FIRST I APOLOGIZE.
2 ALL RIGHT FIRST BY GLOVER, SECOND BY ABE-KOGA. ROLE CALL,
3 PLEASE

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SECOND BY. JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-
6 KOGA

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8 **SPEAKER:** AYE

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10 **SPEAKER:** AHN?

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12 **SPEAKER:** AYE

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14 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ IS
15 ABSENT. CONNOLLY

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17 **SIR, AYE**

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19 **>>SPEAKER:** DUTRA-VERNACI

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21 **SPEAKER:** AYE

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23 **SPEAKER:** FLEMING?

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES.



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2 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** RICARDO IS ABSENT.

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4 **SPEAKER:** AYE

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6 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** RABBITT? COMMISSIONER RABBITT IS ABSENT.

7 RONEN? COMMISSIONER RONEN?

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9 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE

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11 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU, SCHAAF?

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13 **SPEAKER:**

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15 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** AYE

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17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:**

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19 **JAMES SPERING:** SPERING AYE

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21 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** BOTH?

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23 **AMY WORTH:** AYE

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25 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:**



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** KIMBERLY. DO WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC
3 COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO, NOTHING RECEIVED IN WRITING AND NO
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT, COMMISSIONERS I LOOK
9 FOR A MOTION.

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11 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION TO APPROVE, ABE BEE KOGA

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13 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** APPROVE BY ABE-KOGA. FIRST BY ABE-
14 KOGA, SECOND BY WORTH. ROLL CALL, PLEASE

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16 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PEDROZA?

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18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES.

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20 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ? JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-
21 KOGA?

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23 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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25 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** AHN?



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2 **EDDIE AHN:** YES

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4 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ IS ABSENT.

5 CONNOLLY?

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7 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

8

9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI? COMMISSIONER DUTRA-

10 VERNACI IS ABSENT.

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12 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I'M HERE. I SAID AYE. APPARENTLY YOU

13 DIDN'T HEAR ME.

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15 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO WORRIES. MY APOLOGIES. THANK YOU.

16 FLEMING? COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

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18 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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20 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. GLOVER?

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22 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** YES

23

24 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** LICCARDO IS ABSENT. MILEY?

25



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1 **NATE MILEY:** AYE.

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3 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PAPAN?

4

5 **GINA PAPAN:** AYE

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7 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** RONEN?

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9 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE

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11 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SCHAAF?

12

13 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** AYE.

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15 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. SPERING?

16

17 **JAMES SPERING:** AYE

18

19 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WORTH?

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21 **AMY WORTH:** AYE.

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23 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES BY ALL

24 MEMBERS PRESENT.

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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 5. PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM AT METRO
3 BY 5:00 P.M. INTO THE RECORD IF ALSO PRESENTING A MEMBER OF
4 THE PUBLIC WISHES TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS IS YOUR TIME.
5 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR DO STAR 9

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7 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. WE DID RECEIVE ONE WRITTEN
8 COMMENT FROM MR. ROLAND LEBRON. IT WAS LISTED UNDER ITEM 13
9 AND I HAVE SINCE MOVED IT TO ITEM 5 AT MR. RONEN'S REQUEST.
10 AND I SEE MR. LEBRON HAS HIS HAND RAISED. IF YOU'LL GO AHEAD
11 AND UNMUTE YOURSELF, YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTE, MR. LEBRON

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. SO I
14 WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A MINUTE OR SO BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE ON
15 THE STATUS OF THE BAT EXTENSION. BASICALLY THE INFORMATION IS
16 EXTRACTED FROM THE LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE FDA KNOWN AS LOI.
17 WE CHOSE A TOTAL FUNDING GAP OF \$3.5 BILLION. THE FIRST 1.8
18 COMES FROM THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION WHEN THE ESTIMATED PROJECT
19 OF \$6.9 MILLION. SO IT IS ABOUT A BILLION AND A HALF OF LOCAL
20 THAT PASSED STATE'S PLAN. BUT IT IS DEFINITELY NOT COMMITTED.
21 AND THEN THE \$375 MILLION IN THE -- OUR ENTRY. BUT THEN THE
22 FDA INCREASE PROCESS BY \$2.2 BILLION. SO NOW WE HAVE TO FIND
23 ANOTHER \$1.7 BILLION IN LOCAL MATCH. SO IN CLOSING, I HAVE A
24 SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I'LL PROBABLY COME BACK TO THIS
25 LATER WHEN WE HAVE THE BAHFA DISCUSSION. FIRST OF ALL, WE



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1 SHOULD STOP THIS DEP APPLICATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE
2 THE SHOOTING US IN THE FOOT BY CAPPING A FEDERAL MATCH TO 25%.
3 AS AN EXAMPLE, RIGHT OF THE ROAD, THE TRANSLATING, JOHN PFIZER
4 AUTHORITY RIGHT NOW, EXPECTING A MATCH BETWEEN 30 AND 50, 5-0
5 PERCENT MATCH FROM THE FEDS. BUT THERE ARE OTHER
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE EVERYBODY ON THIS
7 COMMISSION TO BE AWARE THAT SAN FRANCISCO ARE GETTING BETWEEN
8 4 AND \$7 FOR EVERY SET DOLLARS. THE BTA'S PLAN RIGHT NOW IS A
9 MATCH OF LESS THAN \$1. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THIS
10 COMMISSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED, MR. CHAIR

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14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AT THIS POINT,
15 WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 6 ADJOURN THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE
16 AUTHORITY MEETING AND CONTINUE WITH THE BALANCE OF THE MTC
17 AGENDA. SO WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 7. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT
18 WE'RE GOING TO BE ADJOURNING THIS MEETING IN MEMORY OF COUNTY
19 BOARD SUPERVISOR WILMA CHAN. MANY OF YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
20 AND HONOR TO WORK WITH HER. BUT WHAT A LEGACY. AND IT JUST
21 REALLY BRINGS TO LIGHT HOW FRAGILE A LIFE IS AND TODAY WE'RE
22 GOING TO, AGAIN, ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. AND WISHING THE BEST
23 TO HER FAMILY. AGAIN, I KNOW MANY COMMISSIONERS HAD AN
24 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HER. I ACTUALLY RECEIVED A CALL FROM
25 FORMER CHAIR SUPERVISOR SCOTT HAGGERTY, THE STORIES OF HIS



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1 EXPERIENCES WORKING WITH SUPERVISOR CHAN. SO, AGAIN, IN HER
2 MEMORY WE'LL BE ADJOURNING TODAY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, AND I
3 DO JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY FOLLOW UP ON THE WORKSHOP THAT WE HAD
4 LAST MONTH. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS, THE PUBLIC,
5 STAFF. I BELIEVE IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP. AND I
6 APPRECIATE THOSE COMMISSIONERS THAT WERE ABLE TO ATTEND IN
7 PERSON. IT WAS GREAT TO BE BACK IN THE BUILDING. I THINK THE
8 ENERGY WAS SO VISIBLE TO HAVE A MEETING IN THE BUILDING TO BE
9 OUR FIRST MEETING BACK IN THE BUILDING AND TO HAVE IT BE THE
10 WORKSHOP I THINK WAS SO APPROPRIATE. AND I JUST WANT TO
11 SUMMARIZE SOME OF THE KEY TAKEAWAYS I GLEAM FROM IT. THERE WAS
12 STRONG SUPPORT FOR INITIATING AND ACCELERATING THE ACTION
13 STEPS IN THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. THERE WAS A
14 SENSE OF URGENCY TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES AND LOOK AT THE AUTHORITY
15 OF MTC. THERE WAS CALIBRATION -- COLLABORATION WILL BE THE
16 FOUNDATIONAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT. THE ENERGY OF
17 ROUND TRANSITIONING FROM CONSENSUS TO COMMITMENT OF ACTION. IT
18 IS A VERY SPIRITED CONVERSATION WE HAD AMONGST COMMISSIONERS.
19 AND I WILL BE CONVENING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN
20 DECEMBER TO GO OVER THERE TO FIND CONSENSUS AND REAFFIRM OUR
21 COMMITMENT AS A COMMISSION TO THE NEAR TERM ACTION STEPS. I
22 WANT TO THANK EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU FOR BEING COMMITTED TO
23 COMMISSIONER SPERING FOR HAVING THE IDEA TO BRING FOLKS
24 TOGETHER WITH THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. THIS IS A
25 CULMINATION. THIS IS THE NEXT STEP OF MANY MORE STEPS TO COME.



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1 AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THAT ENERGY GOING FOR THE BENEFIT
2 OF OUR TRANSIT RIDERS. SO NOW, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF
3 IMPORTANT MTC RESOLUTIONS, SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE RETIRING,
4 UNFORTUNATELY. AND THEY WILL BE LEAVING US WITH MANY DECADES
5 OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM AND, WE UNFORTUNATELY DO
6 HAVE TO ACCEPT THESE RESOLUTIONS, I DID ASK LEGAL COUNSEL
7 COULD WE DENY THESE RESOLUTIONS AND THEY TOLD ME WE COULDN'T.
8 THE FIRST RESOLUTION IS 4489 IN APPRECIATION FOR RANDY
9 RENTSCHLER, AFTER 31 YEARS, 31 YEARS, OF SERVICE TO MTC. AND
10 THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS 4494 IN APPRECIATION FOR ROSS, WHO
11 IS RETIRING AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMISSION. YOU
12 KNOW, AND IT IS SO EASY TO GLOSS OVER THESE NUMBERS BUT THAT
13 IS AN INCREDIBLE CAREER OF IMPACTFUL IMPACTS TO THE REGION. SO
14 THESE RESOLUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO RANDY AND ROSS.
15 SO I'M GOING TO READ SOME OF THE WHEREAS THAT I WAS MENTIONING
16 BEFORE. WE COULD GO WELL INTO THE AFTERNOON IF WE READ ALL OF
17 THE WHEREASES AND THESE HIGH RESOLUTIONS. SO I'M GOING TO PICK
18 A FEW. AND THE FIRST ONE IS GOING TO BE ROSS BECAUSE MONEY
19 MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND AND GOING BACK TO THE EARLY DAYS OF
20 HIS CAREER WITH CAL TRANS, ROSS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS AN
21 EXPERT IN HOW TO GET PROJECTS FUNDED. SO ITEM 78 IS MTC
22 RESOLUTIONS ASSURED 4494, IN APPRECIATION FOR ROSS ON THIS
23 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT. WHEREAS ROSS LITERALLY WROTE THE
24 SCRIPT FOR HOW TO TAP STATE TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS DEVELOPING
25 THE INITIAL SPREADSHEET, KNOWN AS A FACT AND FUNDING SHEET.



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1 WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY INVOLVED INTO THE PROJECT PROGRAMMING
2 REQUEST FORM AND IS NOW IN ELECTRONIC FORM KNOWN AS AN EPPR
3 FORM FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED ONLINE FOR EVERY CALIFORNIA
4 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, SEEKING THE STATE FUNDING. WHEREAS
5 ROSS AT THE START OF THE CENTURY WAS LURED TO MTC BY HIMSELF,
6 RANDY RENTSCHLER, AND OTHER ONCE YOUTHFUL EMPIRE BUILDERS
7 IDENTIFIED, ADMIRER AND COVETED ROSS'S INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF
8 CAL TRAN AND MTC POLICIES PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES. WHEREAS
9 ALSO BENEFITTED FROM ROSS'S OBSESSIVE ATTENTION TO DETAIL
10 WHICH ENSURED ALL FUNDING REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY MTC AND ANY
11 OTHER AGENCY WERE COMPLETED FLAWLESSLY AND FUNCTIONALLY AS
12 WELL AS ROSS'S FIERCELY COMPETITIVE NATURE, WHICH MADE HIM LOW
13 TO LOSE ANY NICKEL TO POSSIBLY ANY OTHER REGION, ESPECIALLY
14 L.A. I THINK THERE'S MORE TO THAT STORY. WHEREAS ROSS NORMALLY
15 TRAVELS TO BLACK ROCK CITY IN A FORD EXPLORER THAT HAS REACHED
16 THE AGE WHERE DUST AND DIRT NO LONGER MUCH MATTER, HE PREFERS
17 TO FLY EMIRATES BUSINESS CLASS WHEN TRAVELLING AND BURNING -
18 - SUCH AS FAR LOCATIONS AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, FIND, THE
19 EXPERIENCE OF BEING PICKED UP AT HOME, DRIVING TO THE AIRPORT
20 AND LOSING QUITE TO HIS LIKING. SO THEREFORE, THAT THE STAFF
21 AND COMMISSIONERS OF MTC THANK ROSS FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS
22 TO THE AGENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA CONGRATULATE HIM ON
23 HIS WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT. WISH HIM THE BEST TO HIS FAMILY
24 AND REWARDING NEW ADVENTURES STIMULATING BOTH TRAVEL, WARMTH,
25 BRILLIANT AND MANY MORE EXPERIENCES TO COME. ROSS,



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1 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SIGNIFICANT
2 CONTRIBUTIONS. IT IS RARE THAT PEOPLE GET TO HAVE A CAREER.
3 BUT WHEN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE, YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON. SO ROSS,
4 CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW DO YOU HAVE ANY WORDS TO SHARE

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6 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THAT.
7 STARTED OUT RATHER BUREAUCRAT TICK THERE IN NATURE. BUT ENDED
8 UP WITH WHAT I LIKE TO DO BEST, WHICH IS TRAVEL AROUND THE
9 WORLD AND VOLUNTEERING FOR VARIOUS BERNIE MAN EVENTS: A LOT OF
10 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW INVOLVED I AM IN THAT ENDEAVOR. BUT IT
11 DOES TAKE ME AROUND THE WORLD AND THE VARIOUS EVENTS. BUT,
12 YEAH, I MET -- I GOT TO KNOW RANDY AND THERESE AS WELL BACK
13 WHEN SB45 WAS ENACTED MANY MANY YEARS AGO. AND WE HAD TO
14 DEVELOP A LOT OF NEW PROCEDURES ON HOW FUNDING WOULD BE
15 DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND I, AT THE TIME, WAS IN
16 CAL TRAN'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE PROGRAM. AND THAT'S HOW I GOT
17 TO GET VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE FUNDING ASPECTS OF
18 TRANSPORTATION AND MADE MY WAY HERE AND I DO HAVE TO THANK
19 RANDY AND THERESE FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN THE MTC FAMILY. AND
20 AFTER 22 YEARS, IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE HONOR TO WORK WITH
21 SUCH A FANTASTIC GROUP OF PEOPLE. THE STAFF ARE INCREDIBLE.
22 VERY PROFESSIONAL, DEDICATED, CARING, PASSIONATE, AND ALL THAT
23 THEY DO FOR THE BAY AREA AND TRANSPORTATION. AND DON'T JUST
24 FOLLOW BUT LEAD AND SET TRENDS THAT OTHERS, NOT JUST THE
25 STATE, BUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY FOLLOW. AND EVENTUALLY ADOPT THE



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1 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WE DEVELOP AND IT BECOMES REALLY
2 STANDARD PROCESSES FOR THE NATION AND WE -- IT IS JUST A
3 PLEASURE BEING PART OF THAT, IN THE BEGINNING OF THAT, AND
4 DEVELOPING. AND GOING THROUGH ALL OF THE HURDLES AND
5 CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES TO DEVELOP NEW INITIATIVES THAT
6 EVENTUALLY BECOME JUST STANDARD PRACTICE. IT JUST SHOWS A
7 GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE THE STAFF ARE, BUT ALSO THE
8 COMMISSIONERS WHO OFTEN END UP GOING TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE
9 AND EVEN CONGRESS. AND EVEN OUR STAFF -- AND OUR STAFF HAVE
10 GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND MTC, BECOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF
11 OTHER TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, LEADING ADVOCATE GROUPS IN D.C.
12 AND THINK TANKS OF TRANSPORTATION -- THINK TANKS IN D.C. AS
13 WELL AS BECOMING ADMINISTRATORS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES. I THINK IT
14 SHOWS THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE AGENCY. IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK
15 WITH EVERYONE THROUGH THE YEARS. AND EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT OUT
16 THERE IN THE OPEN IN THE PUBLIC FACE OF THINGS, I AM
17 DEFINITELY IN THE BACKGROUND, HELPING MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. AND
18 I HOPE I DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A POSITIVE WAY. FOR NOT ONLY
19 THE BAY AREA BUT ALL OF TRANSPORTATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
20 THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR SUCH AN OUTSTANDING
21 AGENCY.

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23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ROSS. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A
24 BURNING MAN EVENT I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO ASK YOU AT SOME POINT
25 YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THAT. NOT AT THIS MOMENT BUT I DEFINITELY



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1 WILL FOLLOW UP. I DO THINK WE HAVE SOME COMMISSIONERS THAT
2 WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER WORTH.

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4 **AMY WORTH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. WELL, ROSS I -- YOU KNOW
5 PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS TEEN WORLD OF FINANCE AND
6 EDUCATION, IT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO TRANSPORTATION. AND I
7 JUST THINK WE HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOUR LEADERSHIP
8 DURING THESE 22 YEARS. I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST THE TIME HAS
9 GONE. AND RECALL MANY MANY TIMES WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO FIND
10 EVERY QUARTER AT THE BACK OF EVERY DRAWER TO COMPLETE THAT
11 FULL FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THESE PROJECTS, WHETHER IT IS THE
12 CAL TO CUT TUNNEL OR VARIOUS PROJECTS THAT OUR COUNTIES AND
13 CITIES ARE WORKING TO PULL TOGETHER. AND I TOTALLY AGREE WITH
14 YOU AND I UNDERSTAND THE RESOLUTION ABOUT THE COMPETITION
15 BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL OF YOU
16 YOUR GENIUS OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE COALITION OF THE CENTRAL
17 VALLEY AND OAKLAND TO GET OUR FAIR SHARE OF THE FREIGHT MONEY
18 THAT WAS DUE US AFTER THE -- I GUESS IT WAS PROP 1B THAT WAS
19 PASSED. BUT ANYWAYS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
20 YOUR HUMOR AND YOUR JUST -- ALSO YOU'RE ALWAYS AVAILABLE. YOU
21 KNOW AS COMMISSIONERS WE GET CALLS FROM THE LOCAL CMA'S SAYING
22 WE NEED HELP FINDING DOLLARS FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT OR
23 NOT. DURING THE ERA OF A LOT OF CAPITAL MOVING THROUGH, YOU
24 WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING EVERYBODY MAKE SURE THEIR
25 PROJECTS WERE FUNDED AND COMPLETED. THANK YOU, AGAIN. WE'LL



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1 MISS YOU AND WE'LL LOOK FOR YOU ON THE NEWS OUT THERE IN
2 BURNING MAN. THANK YOU.

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4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER WORTH. COMMISSIONER
5 SPERING.

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7 **JAMES SPERING:** THANK YOU. REAL BRIEFLY. ROSS, ALL OF THE
8 COMPLIMENTS YOU PAID THE STAFF YOU EMBODY ALL OF THOSE. I
9 DON'T KNOW OF ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT CAN CONGEST MANAGE
10 AGENCIES WANTED TO TALK TO WHEN IT CAME TO FUNDING THEIR
11 PROJECT. IT WAS ALWAYS ROSS. WHO DO YOU CALL? ROSS. THAT WAS
12 THE SAYING THAT EVERYBODY HAD. YOU KNOW, ROSS, I DON'T KNOW OF
13 ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL HAD A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR
14 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCIES THAN YOU HAVE. WELL RESPECTED.
15 YOU ALWAYS FOUND SOLUTIONS. I MEAN YOU FOUND WAYS TO FUND OR
16 ADVANCE A PROJECT THAT WE NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF. SO YOU'RE
17 REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED. AND YOU OUGHT TO BE PROUD OF ALL OF
18 THE PROJECTS YOU HAVE BEEN PART OF IN THIS REGION. YOU HAVE
19 SERVED MILLIONS IN THIS REGION SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE PROUD
20 OF. THANK YOU, AND IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WITH ME TO WORK ON
21 BEHALF OF SONOMA COUNTY, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THINGS YOU HAVE
22 HELPED US WITH. THANK YOU, ROSS

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU

25



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SPERING. WELL,
2 ROSS, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS AGENCY AND
3 TO THE REGION AND AS COMMISSIONER WORTH AND SPERING MENTIONED,
4 YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE. AND WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE NEXT
5 STAGE OF YOUR LIFE NOW, KNOWING THE FIRST PHASE YOU MADE SUCH
6 A DIFFERENCE IN OUR REGION. THANK YOU FOR THAT. ANY FINAL
7 WORDS, ROSS?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NO. JUST I -- I HAVE JUST ENJOYED -- WORKING HERE FOR
10 SO LONG. AND I JUST -- I KNOW THAT THINGS WILL CONTINUE. AND
11 AS CHALLENGES FACE MTC, IT SEEMS LIKE MTC IS ALWAYS ABLE TO
12 COME THROUGH THE CHALLENGES WITH JUST FLYING COLORS AND WITH
13 INNOVATIVE WAYS OF ADDRESSING ISSUES. AND LOOK FORWARD TO
14 SEEING HOW THE BAY AREA OF MTC AND EVERYONE ADDRESSES THE
15 CURRENT ISSUES AND FUTURE ISSUES. SO THANK YOU.

16

17 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ROSS. AND HOPEFULLY THE
18 NEXT TIME WE SEE YOU IS NOT AT BURNING MAN. SO AT THIS POINT,
19 KIMBERLY HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH
20 THIS ITEM

21

22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO. I RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
23 SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT I LOOK FOR A MOTION TO
2 APPROVE MTC RESOLUTION 4494

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4 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED

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6 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WORTH. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
7 SPERING. I SAW HIS HAND GO -- GET RAISED. SO WE HAVE FIRST BY
8 WORTH AND SECOND BY SPERING. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE

9

10 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PEDROZA?

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12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES.

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14 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-KOGA?

15

16 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

17

18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ IS ABSENT.
19 CONNOLLY?

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21 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

22

23 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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25 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.



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2 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** GLOVER?

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4 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** AYE.

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6 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** LICCARDO IS ABSENT. MILEY?

7

8 **NATE MILEY:** AYE.

9

10 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PAPAN?

11

12 **GINA PAPAN:** AYE.

13

14 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** RABBITT IS ABSENT.

15

16 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

17

18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THERE YOU ARE. RABBITT IS AN AYE. RONEN?

19

20 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

21

22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. SCHAAF?

23

24 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** AYE.

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SPERING?

2

3 **JAMES SPERING:** AYE.

4

5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WORTH?

6

7 **AMY WORTH:** AYE.

8

9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. IT IS PASSED WITH ALL MEMBERS
10 PRESENT

11

12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WE MOVE ON TO MTC RESOLUTION 4489
13 RESOLUTION APPRECIATION OF RANDY RENTSCHLER ON THE OCCASION OF
14 HIS RETIREMENT FROM MTC. COMMISSIONERS BEAR WITH ME FOR A FEW
15 MINUTES. WHERE I READ SOME OF THESE WHEREASES. WHEREAS RANDY,
16 SERVING AS A LIAISON BETWEEN MTC AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE
17 DURING HIS DECADES AT THE HELM OF THE AGENCY'S ADVOCACY
18 EFFORTS, RANDY LED THE COMMISSION'S WORK TO ENSURE THE TIME
19 STRAIN EAST SPAN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE
20 HELPING STEER THE PROJECT THROUGH A DESIGN DEBATES FUNDING
21 FIGHTS AND MIRRORED A POLITICAL LAND MINES TO BECOME THE 21ST
22 CENTURY ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE. AND THE
23 HALLS OF THE STATE CAPITOL CAME TO SEE IN 1977 ESTABLISHMENT
24 OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY, THE PLACEMENT OF THE 2004
25 PRIMARY BALLOT IN THE SEVEN BAY AREA COUNTIES OF REGION 2, AND



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1 INCLUSION OF REGIONAL MEASURE 3 ON THE BALLOT IN ALL NINE
2 AREAS OF THE REGION'S COUNTIES. RANDY LATER EXPANDED HIS
3 PORTFOLIO TO BE MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS BIGGEST GATHERED SEVERAL
4 HUNDREDS OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS IN OVERHEATED REPAIR CAR SHOP
5 TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW BAY BRIDGE SPAN. WHEREAS
6 RANDY LIBERTARIAN NEVER STOPPED HIM FROM TELLING OTHERS HOW
7 THEY SHOULD LIVE, WORK AND PLAY. WHEREAS DISTILLED FROM A
8 DOZEN OF RANDY'S APHORISMS, KNOWN WIDELY AS RANDY RENTSCHLER'S
9 LAW OF PHYSICS, AMONG THESE THAT STAFF FLOWS DOWNHILL, THAT
10 ONE NOT EVER TO BE THE PERFECT ENEMY OF THE GOOD, THAT ONE
11 OUGHT TO NOT ASK FOR PERMISSION BUT FORGIVENESS. WHEREAS RANDY
12 PROVIDED CLEAR DIRECTION FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT ADVOCATE FOR THE
13 LAWS OF PHYSICS TO INCORPORATE MORE OF HIS PHRASES. I NOW
14 RESOLVE THAT THE STAFFING COMMISSIONERS OF MTC THANK RANDY FOR
15 HIS COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTION TO THE AGENCY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF
16 THE AREA. CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT AND WISH NOT ONLY
17 RANDY BUT HIS WIFE ROSEMARY AND THEIR FAMILY A LONG ENJOYMENT
18 OF THESE LAUGHTER, SHORT LIVED LINES, DEEP POWDER, WARM -
19 - WONDERFUL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, SHORTLY HANDLED TIGHT
20 CORNERING AND RAPID ACCELERATION AND PEACEFUL PURSUIT OF NO
21 NEED TO PASSIVE BY POLITICIANS LOCALLY AND IN THE BAY AREA. SO
22 RANDY, I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU. WHEN I FIRST
23 JOINED THE COMMISSION YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MY PERSONAL ON
24 BOARDING. ONE THINGS I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHEN I PICKED UP
25 THE PHONE AND CALL YOU, IS WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU BOSS? YOU DID



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1 THAT FOR EVERYONE. BUT THAT LEVEL OF SERVICE WAS SO WELCOMING
2 AND REALLY LED TO THE FABRIC OF THIS AGENCY, HOW THIS
3 COMMISSION WORKS TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY IN THE TOUGHEST MOMENTS.
4 IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT THAT INTEGRATE THE COMMONALITIES OF
5 SHARED INTERESTS OF WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH AS A REGION.
6 AND I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOUR LAWS OF PHYSICS, RANDY, SO I'M
7 PERSONALLY GOING TO MISS YOU. I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO SEE YOU,
8 BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR INSTRUMENTAL PUBLIC SERVICE. YOU HAVE
9 MADE A DIFFERENCE NOT ONLY ON MTC, BUT THOSE WHO SERVE AS
10 COMMISSIONERS AND EFFECTIVE LEADERS. SO RANDY THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH. SO ANY WORDS, RANDY BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO
12 COMMISSIONERS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, YOU KNOW, JUST A FEW. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU
15 MR. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS A BIG THANK YOU TO THE
16 FRONT OFFICE THAT ALLOWED ME TO SERVE ALL OF YOU OVER ALL OF
17 THESE YEARS. AND LOOK, I MISS NOT SEEING EVERYONE SO MUCH OVER
18 THE PAST 20 MONTHS. I MEAN THAT'S -- MY ACT IS MORE OF A LIVE
19 ACT THAN A RECORDED ONE. SO IT HAS BEEN REALLY HARD FOR ME NOT
20 TO SEE ALL OF YOU. YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE MY THREE MINUTES
21 REALLY TO REFLECT ON SHARING THIS MORNING WITH ROSS. YOU KNOW,
22 ROSS FOR 20 YEARS WAS ONE OF MTC'S REAL SUPER POWERS. YOU
23 KNOW, WATCHING ROSS WORK EVERY DAY WAS CERTAINLY WORTH A
24 CROWDED BAR COMMUTE TO COME TO THE METRO CENTER. YOU KNOW, HE
25 REALLY WAS A MAGICIAN WHO MADE TRUE THE BROTHERS GRIMES



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1 RUMPELSTILTSKIN FAIRYTALE SPINNING STRAW INTO GOLD. IN HIS
2 SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL AGENCIES THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE
3 MENTIONED, IT IS REALLY INCREDIBLY UNDER STATED. YOU KNOW, I
4 THINK ROSS NEEDS TO SPOTIFY THE TIME TO OPEN UP A CONSULTING
5 FIRM BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A HUGE LINE OF GOVERNMENT WAITING
6 FOR THAT TO HAPPEN. THE OTHER THING IS THAT HE DID ALL OF THIS
7 WHILE STEALING L.A.'S LUNCH MONEY WHICH WARMS THE HEART OF
8 MORE THAN JUST BAY AREA SPORTS FANS. REALLY THAT IS WHAT HE
9 DID. YOU KNOW, ROSS REPRESENTED ALL OF THE THINGS THAT MADE
10 WORKING AT THE COMMISSION SO SPECIAL AND SO SATISFYING. YOU
11 KNOW, ROSS IS UTTERLY SELFLESS. HE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING THE
12 PLACE THAT WE ALL LIVE A BETTER PLACE BY HELPING OTHERS. AND
13 ALSO, ROSS IS THE MOST TALENTED PERSON IN HIS FIELD. AND WE
14 PRIORITIZED GETTING HIM AND KEEPING HIM. I THINK THAT'S A
15 REALLY IMPORTANT THING THAT WE HAVE THAT LEVEL OF CAPABILITY
16 TO SERVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOUR
17 CONSTITUENTS. YOU KNOW, WHEN I LEARNED ROSS IN HIS SECRET
18 LIFE, IS THE MAN WHO MADE BURNING MAN WORK, IT MADE PERFECT
19 SENSE TO ME BECAUSE HE IS THE GUY THAT COULD PUT AN ENTIRE
20 CITY UP IN THE DESERT AND COMPLETE TAKE IT DOWN AND NOT LEAVE
21 A TRACE. AND ALL OF THIS WORK HAPPENED AND EVERYONE WONDERED
22 HOW IT GOT DONE, I THINK TO ME ROSS REPRESENTS ALL OF THE
23 REASONS WHY I ENJOY WORKING FOR ALL OF YOU. SO THANK YOU FOR
24 THIS SO MUCH.

25



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I SO APPRECIATE AS YOU JUST SPENT A
2 RESOLUTION ABOUT YOURSELF TALKING ABOUT SOMEBODY ELSE. RANDY I
3 THINK THAT JUST EPITOMIZES WHO YOU ARE. BUT ROSS THOSE WERE
4 GREAT WORDS ABOUT YOU AS WELL. I KNOW WE HAVE COMMISSIONERS
5 THAT WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER SPERING.

6

7 **JAMES SPERING:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF RANDY'S
8 CHARACTER. PRAISING ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT ROSS HAS DONE
9 OVER THE YEARS. I DON'T KNOW OF ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT MTC HAS
10 DONE MORE WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO GET PROJECTS DONE, BUILD A
11 CONSENSUS, BRING THIS COMMISSION TOGETHER AND MOVE US IN THE
12 RIGHT DIRECTION THAN RANDY RENTSCHLER. AND JUST A GREAT
13 INDIVIDUAL, GREAT CHARACTER. I'M GOING TO MISS HIS IDIOMS. HIS
14 PARABLES, HIS SPAYING FOR THE OCCASION. THERE'S ALWAYS SOME
15 WITTY COMMENT ON EVERY SITUATION. AND I'M CERTAINLY GOING TO
16 MISS THAT. RANDY IS A GREAT FRIEND. I HOPE WE CONTINUE TO WORK
17 TOGETHER AFTER HE LEAVES MTC. BUT YOU KNOW IT WAS ROSS AND
18 RANDY LEAVE, IT IS LIKE ONE OF YOUR KIDS GOING AWAY TO
19 COLLEGE. YOU HAVE THESE MIXED EMOTIONS. YOU KNOW, IT IS REALLY
20 IS -- THERE'S SOME SADNESS BUT YET YOU'RE HAPPY FOR THEM GOING
21 INTO RETIREMENT. BEING ABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS
22 AND DO THE THINGS THEY WANT TO DO. BUT TWO GREAT INDIVIDUALS
23 THAT THIS COMMISSION IS REALLY GOING TO MISS AND VERY
24 DIFFICULT TO REPLACE. SO THANK YOU, RANDY FOR ALL OF THE GOOD
25 TIMES. AND I HOPE SOME DAY YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR SOMETHING



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1 WHEN WE GO SOMEWHERE. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. THANK
2 YOU MR. CHAIR

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SPERING.
5 COMMISSIONER WORTH.

6

7 **AMY WORTH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I THINK COMMISSIONER SPERING
8 AND OUR CHAIR SAID IT SO WELL, RANDY ABOUT YOUR TALENTS. YOU
9 HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THE REGION AND TO THE COMMISSION WITH
10 GREAT WISDOM. AND REALLY GREAT STRATEGIC WISDOM AS WELL AS
11 PUTTING TOGETHER AN INCREDIBLE TEAM THAT HAS IMPLEMENTED ALL
12 THAT WE DO AND SHARING THAT NEWS TO THE PUBLIC. AND I JUST -
13 - YOU KNOW, I WAS THINKING ABOUT THIS THE OTHER DAY, THAT YOU
14 ARE SUCH A GREAT STRATEGIST. SOME PEOPLE GET PRESIDENTS
15 ELECTED OR SENATORS OR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. AND WHAT YOU HAVE
16 DONE IS YOU HAVE RAISED UP AN ENTIRE ORGANIZATION IN REALLY
17 THE BAY AREA IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN
18 INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF THE REGION. AND I THINK THAT IS
19 JUST -- I LEAN THE LEGACY THAT YOU WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE BAY
20 AREA IS JUST INCREDIBLE. I MEAN, RIGHT BEHIND ME I COULDN'T
21 RESIST PUTTING THIS PHOTO UP WHEN IT WAS MENTIONED THE
22 BEAUTIFUL BRIDGE YARD. AND I THINK WHEN WE LOOK, FOR EXAMPLE,
23 THE BRIDGE PROJECT, YOU ALL HAD GREAT VISION ABOUT HOW WE
24 COULD BROADEN JUST BUILDING A BRIDGE, YOU KNOW RECOGNIZING OUR
25 LEGACY AND OUR HISTORY AS WELL AS BUILDING THE GREATEST BRIDGE



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1 IN THE WORLD. AND I JUST THINK SO MANY TIMES WE WOULD ALL GET
2 CALLS FROM THE PRESS AND SAY OH MY GOSH WHAT AM I GOING TO
3 SAY? AND ALL YOU NEEDED TO DO IS GIVE A NICE CALL TO RANDY AND
4 THE RIGHT WORDS WERE PROVIDED. SO I JUST REALLY CAN'T THANK
5 YOU ENOUGH. SO MANY THINGS TO SAY THANK YOU AND AGAIN I THINK
6 YOUR TESTAMENT TO ROSS IS A TESTAMENT TO YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT
7 OF YOUR STAFF AND YOUR TEAM AND OF ALL OF US. WISHING ALL OF
8 THE BEST FOR RETIREMENT AND I KNOW THAT WE WILL BE SEEING YOU
9 IN THE BAY AREA. AND WORDS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO EXPRESS OUR
10 THANKS. SO THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. AND IT HAS JUST BEEN A JOY
11 TO WORK WITH YOU ALL OF THESE YEARS.

12

13 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GREAT WORDS. COMMISSIONER GLOVER.

14

15 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** YES, I WANTED TO ALSO JUST SAY CONGRATULATIONS
16 TO RANDY AND TO ROSS. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU SEE RANDY AND ROSS
17 OUT IN FRONT AND BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THAT'S WHERE THE MAGIC
18 TAKES PLACE. IT IS BEHIND THE SCENES. BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. THAT HAS KEPT MTC AT THE
20 FRONT OF THE LIST. AND MAKE US AS COMMISSIONERS SHINE SO MUCH.
21 WE NOTED WE'RE NOT THE SHINING LIGHT. BUT JUST HEARING THE
22 COMMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF ROSS AND RANDY SHOWS YOU WHERE THE
23 SHINING LIGHT IS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING ME
24 PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF MTC NOW THROUGH THE YEARS AND REALLY



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1 WANTED TO WISH YOU ALL WELL IN TERMS OF WHATEVER YOUR FUTURE
2 ADVENTURES WILL BE.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER GLOVER.

5 COMMISSIONER RABBITT

6

7 **DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH RANDY I WON'T BE ABLE TO
8 SEE YOU LATER THIS AFTERNOON IN THE SMART BOARD MEETING LATER
9 THIS AFTERNOON I WANT TO SAY EVERY INTERACTION WAS ALWAYS
10 POSITIVE AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOUR ROLE IN THE GREATER BAY
11 AREA AND THE SAME THING WITH ROSS. AND AS AN ARCHITECT I WANT
12 TO SAY -- I WON'T SAY FORM OVER FUNCTION BUT I WILL SAY THAT
13 WITHOUT AESTHETICS, WITHOUT THE BEAUTY OF THE BUILT IN
14 ENVIRONMENT, ADDING TO THE QUALITY OF OUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD
15 WE -- LIFE WOULD NOT BE AS ENJOYABLE. SO I THINK WE SHOULD
16 ALWAYS STRIVE FOR ANYTHING THAT WE BUILD AS HUMAN BEINGS THAT
17 IT BE DONE IN THE MOST AESTHETICALLY WELL CRAFTED WAY. SO
18 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THAT.

19

20 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER RABBITT. RANDI
21 KINMAN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. IT IS THE OTHER RANDI. RANDY ON BEHALF OF
24 THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL FIRST, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
25 YOUR QUIET BUT STEADY WAY OF ZOOMING IN AND GETTING US ON



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1 TRACK, WHEN WE FELT LIKE WE WERE GETTING OFF TRACK WITH TOO
2 MANY TOPICS. IT ALLOWED US TO ORGANIZE. IT ALLOWED US TO GET
3 OUR THOUGHTS TOGETHER. IT ALLOWED US TO ACTUALLY BRANCH OUT
4 INTO A WHOLE LOT OF AREAS THAT I DON'T THINK WE WOULD'VE BEEN
5 ABLE TO DO, IF YOU HAVEN'T SAT US DONE AND JUST SAID, HEY
6 FOLKS, THIS IS WHAT HAS TO GET DONE AND DID IT IN A WAY THAT
7 MADE US FEEL GOOD. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
8 YOUR GUIDANCE OVER THE YEARS. AND I AM SO GOING TO MISS YOUR
9 OBSERVATION OF PEOPLE AND THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AND YOU
10 TAUGHT ME HOW TO NOT BURST OUT LAUGHING IN PUBLIC WHEN YOU
11 WOULD SAY SOMETHING THAT JUST SLAYED ME AND WAS SO
12 APPROPRIATE. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR
13 RETIREMENT.

14

15 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RANDI. COMMISSIONER
16 JOSEFOWITZ

17

18 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR:** I ALREADY SAID AT THE COMMITTEE
19 HEARING WHAT I WANTED TO SAY ABOUT RANDY. I DON'T WANT TO SAY
20 ANYTHING, SOMETHING MIGHT FINALLY GO TO HIS HEAD, ALTHOUGH IT
21 HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US I THINK TO GET IN THERE WITH
22 ALL OF THIS PRAISE. BECAUSE HE'S SO HUMBLE. BUT I JUST WANTED
23 TO -- I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU, RANDY. PERSONALLY I'VE
24 LEARNED SO MUCH FROM YOU AND ON BEHALF OF SAN FRANCISCO, YOU
25 KNOW, YOU -- IT IS -- IT IS DIFFICULT TO FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW



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1 MUCH YOU'VE KIND OF DELIVERED FOR EACH AND ONE OF OUR
2 COMMUNITIES AND WE'RE ALL INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL. SO THANK YOU.
3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VICE CHAIR. ALL RIGHT. HAVE
5 WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM
6

7 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. BUT I SEE
8 ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. MR. RICHARD
9 HEDGES. WOULD YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. RANDY, I'M GOING TO MISS YOU, AS I SAID
12 BEFORE. YOU ALWAYS MADE THINGS SO APPARENT AND EASILY
13 UNDERSTANDABLE. YOU PUT TOGETHER SUCH A GOOD GROUP TO WORK
14 WITH YOU. AND MOST OF ALL, YOUR HUMANITY. YOU NEVER FAILED TO
15 STOP AND TALK WITH ME, EXPLAIN THINGS TO ME OR JUST PASS THE
16 TIME OF DAY. I'M SO SMALL, PEANUTS IN THE WHOLE SCHEME OF
17 THINGS. IT JUST ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL SO GOOD. AND I JUST WANTED
18 TO GIVE YOU A COROLLARY TO PHYSICS DISCUSSED THAT YOU ALWAYS
19 TALKED ABOUT. YOU TALK ABOUT A AN INFLUENCE RUNNING DOWNHILL
20 AS A PIPE FITTER, WE HAD AN OLD COROLLARY, THAT IS DON'T BITE
21 YOUR FINGERNAILS. SO HAVE A GOOD RETIREMENT. AND HOPEFULLY
22 WE'LL SEE YOU AROUND. BECAUSE I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO RETIRE.
23 SO MAYBE YOU CAN TEACH ME. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I SEE NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED,
2 MR. CHAIR

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4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. RANDY, ANY LAST WORDS JUST
5 FOR NOW

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7 **SPEAKER:** NO. I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO SERVING
8 FOR SUCH OUTSTANDING PEOPLE FOR SO MANY YEARS ON A BOARD. YOU
9 KNOW, I KNOW A LOT OF BOARDS OUT THERE AND I'M INCREDIBLY
10 LUCKY TO HAVE THIS ONE. SO THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU.

11

12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RANDY AND, AGAIN, WE OFTEN
13 TALK ABOUT THE CREDIBILITY AND THE RESPECT THAT MTC HAS AS AN
14 AGENCY, BUT IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ROSS THAT BUILD THAT
15 REPUTATION THROUGH OUTCOME, THROUGH ACTION. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE
16 LOSING SO MUCH BUT YOU BOTH ALSO DESERVE WHAT IS NEXT. YOU'VE
17 EARNED IT. SO THANK YOU BOTH. SO AT THIS POINT, WE
18 UNFORTUNATELY, DO HAVE TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION, SO I WILL
19 LOOK FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 4489.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I'LL MOVE THE MOTION.

22

23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE COMMISSIONER SPERING.

24

25 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** SECOND BY GLOVER.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY GLOVER. ROLL CALL VOTE,
3 PLEASE.

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PEDROZA

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7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES

8

9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ

10

11 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR:** YES

12

13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** ABE-KOGA

14

15 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE

16

17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. CONNOLLY?

18

19 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

20

21 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI

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23 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE

24

25 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** GLOVER



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2 **FEDERAL GLOVER: AYE**

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4 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK: RABBITT**

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6 **DAVID RABBITT: AYE**

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8 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK: RONEN?**

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10 **HILLARY RONEN: AYE**

11

12 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK: THANK YOU. SCHAAF?**

13

14 **LIBBY SCHAFF: AYE**

15

16 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:**

17

18 **JAMES SPERING: SPERING YES**

19

20 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK: WORTH.**

21

22 **AMY WORTH: AYE**

23

24 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK: THANK YOU IT PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL**

25 **MEMBERS PRESENT**



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** KIMBERLY THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU
3 ROSS AND RANDY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 8 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
4 REPORT. RANDI TAKE IT AWAY

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY A HOSPITAL. I THINK YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION
7 ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS. DID I MISS -- WERE BOTH CITED, KIMBERLY

8

9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WE DID ACTUALLY HAVE A MOTION FOR BOTH
10 OF THEM

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SORRY MY --

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** NO WORRIES. I BROKE IT UP ONE BY ONE.
15 ALL RIGHT. SO I BELIEVE LET'S CONTINUE WITH ITEM 8 THE POLICY
16 ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. RANDI TAKE IT AWAY

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE'RE STILL WORKING HARD. WE'VE BEEN
19 WORKING HARD THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. BECAUSE WE HAD A
20 LEGISLATIVE UPDATED, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU A MEMO FOCUSING ON
21 OUR REQUEST TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE REFORMATION OF THE
22 BROWN ACT. BECAUSE IT WILL -- JUST THESE LAST TWO YEARS TAUGHT
23 US ANYTHING, IT HAS TAUGHT US THAT BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE
24 FLEXIBILITY IN HOW AND WHEN WE MEET IS ESSENTIAL. IT WOULD
25 ALLOW OUR MEMBERS TO MEET VIRTUALLY ONCE WE'RE BEYOND THE



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1 HYBRID, ALLOW VIRTUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ONCE HYBRID ENDS.
2 ALSO TO CONTINUE -- WE WANT YOU TO CONTINUE THE IDEA OF
3 EXPLORING MEETINGS THAT WILL ALLOW BREAK OUT SESSIONS IN OUR
4 WORK, AND IN YOUR WORK. IT IS CURRENTLY NOT POSSIBLE
5 PHYSICALLY. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE US
6 TO WORK ON IN THE FUTURE. AND I WILL GIVE YOU MY REASONING FOR
7 THAT. AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA WHEN SO MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS
8 OF PEOPLE WERE DISPLACED I WAS AMAZED BECAUSE I WAS INVOLVED
9 IN PROJECTS TO SEE COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD IN TEXAS FOR THE
10 RESIDENTS OF LOUISIANA ON HOW TO REBUILD. SO IF TEXAS AND
11 LOUISIANA CAN FIGURE IT OUT, I'M CERTAIN THAT CALIFORNIA CAN.
12 THAT WAS THE FIRST THING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT. THE SECOND
13 THING IS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU LATER ON THE NEW LIST OF PROPOSED
14 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. AND ALONG WITH THAT COMES A BUMP IN
15 OUR STIPEND AND ADDITIONAL MEETING QUALIFICATIONS. I WOULD
16 THOROUGHLY SUPPORT THIS. IT WILL ALLOW US TO RECRUIT AND
17 MAINTAIN A MUCH MORE ROBUST AND MUCH MORE DIVERSE GROUP OF
18 PEOPLE BECAUSE OUR GROUP IS NOT PAID TO BE ADVISERS OTHER THAN
19 OUR STIPENDS AND WE JUGGLE DAY CARE, WE JUGGLE TAKING CARE OF
20 FAMILY MEMBERS WE JUGGLE ARGUING WITH OUR BOSSES HOW LONG WE
21 CAN TAKE FOR THIS WHOLE MTC THING. SO THAT'S MY REPORT. THANK
22 YOU
23
24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RANDI AND I APPRECIATE THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS. I'LL BE GETTING TOGETHER WITH OUR VICE CHAIR



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1 AND THERESE TO REVIEW ELSE ARES AND WE'LL RESPOND. THANK YOU
2 FOR SUBMITTING THOSE. KIMBERLY ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED
3 WITH THIS ITEM?

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WE HAVE NOT. AND I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE
6 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. RANDI THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 REPORT. MOVING ON TO ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT. THERESE

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AND I HAVE TO START WITH
12 PERSONAL THOUGHTS FOR BOTH RANDY AND FOR ROSS. THEY BOTH
13 WORKED DIRECTLY FOR ME FOR A BIG CHUNK OF THE -- MY FIRST 25
14 YEARS WITH THE AGENCY. SO IT WAS CLEARLY DELIGHTFUL TO
15 RECONNECT WITH BOTH OF THEM PROFESSIONALLY. YOU KNOW, AS IN MY
16 ROLE NOW AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SO ROSS, YOU KNOW, YOU TAUGHT
17 ME THIS INVALUABLE LESSON THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER JUDGE A BOOK
18 BY ITS COVER. AND SO I -- YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT THE GLOBAL
19 REGIONS OF BURNING MAN TO STAMP YOUR ADVENTURE WITH ALL OF THE
20 ADVENTURE THAT YOU DESERVE. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT LESSON THAT
21 I CARRIED WITH ME FOR MANY MANY YEARS. AND RANDY, I THINK I
22 WOULD JUST HAVE TO SAY AMONG ALL OF THE OTHER ACCOLADES THAT
23 YOUR UNSEIZING PURSUIT TO UP END THE CONVENTIONAL OR EXPECTED,
24 AT THE VERY LEAST KEPT US ON OUR TOES AND BROADENED OUR
25 PERSPECTIVES. I HOPE THAT A REAL OR VIRTUAL MOTORCYCLE IS



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1 ALWAYS AT THE READY FOR YOUR ROAD WHEREVER IT MAY LEAD. SO,
2 YOU KNOW KUDOS TO BOTH OF YOU FOR ALL OF THE INCREDIBLE WORK
3 THAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THE AGENCY. AND LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING
4 IN TOUCH IN THE YEARS AHEAD. IN TERMS OF BIG THINGS THAT HAVE
5 BEEN HAPPENING IN THE LAST MONTH, I WANT TO POINT TO A COUPLE.
6 AT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER THE 12TH, WE HAD
7 UPDATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOW I'M UPDATING ALL OF YOU ON
8 SOMETHING I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
9 LABOR HAD TAKEN A POSITION CHALLENGING THE STATE OF
10 CALIFORNIA'S PENSION PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN PEPRA AS VIOLATING
11 THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF TRANSIT AGENCY EMPLOYEES
12 WHOSE PENSION PLANS WERE GUIDED BY PEPRA. AND AS A RESULT
13 FEDERAL GRANTS TO THOSE AGENCIES ARE AT RISK PENDING FINAL
14 DETERMINATIONS EITHER LEGALLY IN FEDERAL COURT, AND OR
15 ADMINISTRATIVELY AT USDLL. THAT'S A SHORT CENSUS OF A
16 COMPLICATED SITUATION. IN FACT, IT REVISITS CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
17 FIRST MANIFESTED THEMSELVES IN 2018, THAT I REMEMBER VERY WELL
18 BECAUSE I WAS AT THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AT THE
19 TIME. SO WE'RE TRACKING THIS INCREDIBLY CLOSELY FAST
20 DEVELOPING CIRCUMSTANCES. WE HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE
21 COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. D.O.T., PARTICULARLY AND SPECIFICALLY
22 THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ON STEPS THAT OUR TRANSIT
23 AGENCY PARTNERS NEED TO TAKE IN THIS EVOLVING AND SHIFTING
24 SPACE. AND WE WILL KEEP THE COMMISSIONERS ADVISED AS NEEDED ON
25 THE SITUATION. ON THE OTHER THING I'D LIKE TO MENTION AND IT



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1 IS REALLY SORT OF AN OPENER FOR MORE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE
2 FORTHCOMING TO YOU IN DECEMBER, IS THAT STATE STATUTES
3 GOVERNING REGIONAL MEASURE 3 MANDATE IMPOSITION ON JANUARY
4 1ST, 2022 OF THE SECOND OF THREE DOLLARS OF BRIDGE TOLL
5 INCREASES APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. AND SO THAT IS A MAJOR
6 MILESTONE THAT IS RAPIDLY COMING UP. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT
7 ACTION, STAFF HAVE BEEN TAKING A SERIES OR PLANNING TO TAKE A
8 SERIES OF BOTH OPERATIONAL AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS. AND WE
9 WILL BE PRESENTING A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THAT SET OF ACTIONS
10 TO THE BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 8TH AT THE REGULAR
11 MEETING. SO, AGAIN, JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, SINCE WE'LL
12 GET STARTED BEGINNING DECEMBER THE 1ST. I'D LIKE TO CLOSE WITH
13 SOME OBSERVATIONS OF ANOTHER RECENT AND SIGNIFICANT EFFORT
14 THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND
15 BATA AS A WHOLE, WHICH IS THE FAST TRACK EQUITY ACTION PLAN.
16 WE HAD A VERY LIVELY DISCUSSION WITH A LOT OF INCREDIBLE AND
17 VALUABLE INPUT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE MEETING THAT WAS
18 JUST LAST WEEK THAT BATA CHAIR AMY WORTH OVERSAW. AND IT
19 PROVIDED A LOT OF INPUT AND RICH DISCUSSION AND THE STAFF,
20 INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE TAKING ALL OF THAT, AND WORKING THROUGH
21 DECEMBER, TO PULL TOGETHER SORT OF AN OVERALL PRIORITY GAME
22 PLAN TO DEVELOP AND FUND -- ON HOW WE CAN DEVELOP, FUND AND
23 SEQUENCE THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS THAT WERE PROPOSALS BROUGHT
24 FORWARD. WE WILL REPORT ON PROGRESS ON PULLING THAT ALL
25 TOGETHER IN JANUARY. BUT I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE



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1 RECEIVED A LOT OF INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THINGS THAT
2 THE COMMISSIONERS IN YOUR ROLE AS THE AUTHORITY WOULD LIKE TO
3 SEE IN THE SPACE OF EQUITABLE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOLL PAYING
4 CUSTOMERS. TO THAT END, I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT I
5 PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9TH AND KUDOS TO RANDI
6 KINMAN WHO IS HERE WHO PARTICIPATED AS WELL IN THIS MEETING
7 WITH AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFILIATED COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
8 S THAT ARE SITUATED ALONG THE EXPRESS LANE CORRIDORS. AND THEY
9 HAD SOME VALUABLE FEEDBACK. YOU KNOW, ON THE EFFICACY AND
10 INCLUSION OF OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS AND HOW ENGAGEMENT SHOULD BE
11 BETTER STRUCTURED AROUND THE EXPRESS LANE TOLL DISCOUNT PILOT
12 AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. YOU'LL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT
13 TODAY. AND I THINK IT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF HOW CRITICALLY
14 IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON MANY FRONTS TO
15 ESTABLISH, YOU KNOW A TRUST CENTERED RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE
16 WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY OUR POLICIES, AND PARTICULAR IN THE
17 EQUITY SPACE. SO I WANTED TO THANK THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED
18 IN THAT. AND JUST LIFT IT UP AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE CONTINUING,
19 YOU KNOW, TRAIN AND GROW ELEMENT OF OUR EQUITY PLATFORM AND
20 LISTEN AND LEARN THAT WE BRING WITH US IN ALL OF OUR WORK. AND
21 MOST RECENTLY AND IMPORTANT LY WITH OUR BROADER FAST TRACK
22 EQUITY ACTION PLAN. SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR, I'LL TURN IT BACK
23 OVER TO YOU. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, THERESE FOR YOUR
2 REPORT. I DON'T SEE ANY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.
3 KIM, HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
4 ITEM?

5

6 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO, I RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRONG AND I
7 SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

8

9 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THERESE FOR THAT SUMMARY.
10 MOVING ON TO ITEM 10, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. I'LL SEE IF ANY
11 COMMISSIONERS WISH TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS AT THIS TIME? I DON'T
12 SEE ANY. ALL RIGHT. SO -- OH. COMMISSIONER MILEY?

13

14 **NATE MILEY:** --

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16 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I SEE YOUR HAND RAISED.

17

18 **NATE MILEY:** YES, I WANT TO THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA FOR
19 ADJOURNING TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF SUPERVISOR WILMA CHAN.
20 YOU KNOW, THAT WAS REALLY VERY DIFFICULT FOR ALL OF US TO GET
21 THE NEWS OF HER BEING HIT BY A AN AUTOMOBILE. ABOUT ROUGHLY
22 TWO WEEKS AGO. AND EVEN YESTERDAY WE HAD KIND OF A MEMORIAL
23 FOR HER AND WE ACTUALLY SWORE IN HER CHIEF OF STAFF TO REPLACE
24 HER ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THERE WILL BE A MORE
25 PUBLIC AND FORMAL MEMORIAL FOR HER FIRST PART OF DECEMBER. BUT



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1 CLEARLY IT KIND OF SHOOK US ALL UP. AND YOU KNOW, I'VE WORKED
2 ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WHEN I WAS ON THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
3 BACK IN THE 1990S AND, YOU KNOW, PEDESTRIAN INCIDENTS ARE
4 CLEARLY AVOIDABLE. AND TO HAVE HER GET HIT WALKING HER DOG AND
5 JUST RECENTLY MOVED INTO THIS CONDO, AND I'M VERY FAMILIAR
6 WITH THE AREA BECAUSE MY EX-WIFE USED TO LIVE OVER THERE AS
7 WELL AS MY SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW STILL LIVE IN ALAMEDA. IT
8 IS REALLY QUITE SHOCKING. QUITE FRANKLY I AND I THINK SOME OF
9 US ARE STILL IN DENIAL. WE STILL THINK SHE'S GOING TO SHOW UP
10 AND GOING TO BE THERE. BUT SHE'S NOT. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE
11 THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING IN HER
12 MEMORY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND THANK YOU FOR THAT

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONER MILEY
15 FOR THOSE COMMENTS. AND WE'RE ALL WITH YOU AND THINKING OF YOU
16 AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND THE FAMILY SUPERVISOR CHAN. SO, AGAIN,
17 AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM -- AGENDA ITEM 11
18 CONSENT CALENDAR, WE HAVE ONE ITEM, WHICH IS APPROVAL OF
19 MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27TH. KIMBERLY HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY
20 PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

21

22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO. I RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
23 SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT, I WILL ENTERTAIN A
2 MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

3

4 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION TO APPROVE, ABE-KOGA.

5

6 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA.

7

8 **EDDIE AHN:** SECOND FROM AHN

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10 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND FROM COMMISSIONER AHN. ROLL
11 CALL VOTE, PLEASE

12

13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PEDROZA

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15 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES

16

17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ

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19 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR:** YES

20

21 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:**

22

23 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE

24



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ IS AMOUNT.

2 CONNOLLY?

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4 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE

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6 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI

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8 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I'M HERE. SORRY. PUT IT ON MUTE FAST

9 ENOUGH

10

11 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THAT'S OKAY. FLEMING?

12

13 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES

14

15 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** GLOVER. GLOVER FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP

16 YES

17

18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** LICCARDO IS ABSENT. RONEN?

19

20 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE

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22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SCHAAF?

23

24 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** AYE

25



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SPERING?

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3 **JAMES SPERING:** AYE

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WORTH?

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7 **AMY WORTH:** AYE

8

9 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE CONSENT

12 CALENDAR INCLUDED MORE THAN COMMISSION MEETINGS IT INCLUDED

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS AS WELL. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO NUMBER 12

14 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. I DON'T BELIEVE COMMISSIONER LICCARDO

15 IS ON TODAY'S CALL

16

17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** NO HE IS NOT

18

19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AND KIMBERLY REMIND ME IS --

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21 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** COMMISSIONER LICCARDO IS VICE CHAIR.

22 PRESIDENT IS THE CHAIR AND HE IS NOT PRESENT BUT I BELIEVE --

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** OKAY SO

25



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** YOU CAN THE SPEAKING POINTS IN YOUR
2 REPORT

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4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. SO THE JOINT COMMITTEE MET
5 ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 2021, REFERRED ONE ITEM FOR THE COMMISSION
6 APPROVAL. THIS IS 12A, MTC RESOLUTION 3931, REVISED, POLICY
7 ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS. WILL APPOINT POLICY ADVISORY
8 MEMBERS FOR A NEW TERM THAT WILL RUN THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2022,
9 DECEMBER 31, 2025. I VOTE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 3931
10 REVISED POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

11

12 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** SECOND

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** A SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI

15

16 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I HAVE NOTHING IN WRITING AND NO MEMBER
17 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED

18

19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY JOSEFOWITZ, SECOND BY DUTRA-
20 VERNACI. ROLL CALL PLEASE

21

22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PEDROZA

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES

25



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ?

2

3 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR:** YES.

4

5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** AHN?

6

7 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE

8

9 **SPEAKER:** CANEPA AND CHAVEZ ARE ANT. CONNOLLY.

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11 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE

12

13 **SPEAKER:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

14

15 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE

16

17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** FLEMING? GLOVER? AYE

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WORTH?

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21 **AMY WORTH:** AYE

22

23 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

24 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

25



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY AND COMMISSIONERS.
2 ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 13. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. I
3 WANT TO ASK THE CLERK TO LIST THE ITEMS UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT
4 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM AT -- READ INTO THE RECORD AND MAKE
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS YOUR TIME PLEASE DO SO OR PRESS STAR 9
6

7 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR
8 THIS ITEM AND I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
9 RAISED

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. WE'RE GOING TO
12 MOVE ON TO ITEM 14, ADJOURNMENT AND AS WE SHARED EARLIER, AND
13 ALSO TO THE COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONER MILEY, I ADJOURN THIS
14 MEETING IN MEMORY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR WILMA CHAN. OUR
15 NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING SCHEDULED THE THIRD WEDNESDAY,
16 DECEMBER 15TH, DUE TO CHRISTMAS BECAUSE WE'RE MOVING IT UP.
17 THIS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED. I THANK YOU ALL. STAY TUNED FOR
18 BATA.

19

20 **>>SPEAKER:** OKAY. AND I'VE RESENT THE CLOSED SESSION DETAILS TO
21 ALL OF YOU, IT SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR BOX. ALEX YOUNG,
22 WE'RE STANDING BY FOR YOUR CUE.

23



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