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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4297

Resolution of appreciation for Teri Green on the occasion of her retirement from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 17 years of service.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation for Teri Green

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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WHEREAS, Teri Green is retiring from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 17 years of dedicated service to this agency and its various siblings, and after three decades of service to the people of the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the myriad ways in which Teri's work has enriched MTC can be said to have come at the expense of the City of Oakland, where Teri worked previously as Administrative Services Director, and which itself had poached Teri away from the City of Berkeley, where she began her career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Teri's expansive list of responsibilities at MTC has included directing administration, contracts, facilities, general services, human resources and procurements; and

WHEREAS, the essential role played by Teri in ensuring the smooth operation of both the agency and its headquarters facilities has been akin to that of a first-rate baseball umpire: most effective when least noticed; and

WHEREAS, Teri debuted at MTC as Human Resources Manager before being named in 2002 as Director of the Administrative and Technology Services section and then serving from 2012 until her retirement as the first, and thus far only, Director of the Bay Area Headquarters Authority; and

WHEREAS, Teri and her staff oversaw the acquisition and redevelopment of the 70-year-old former military warehouse-turned-postal-facility once identified as 390 Main Street and its four-year transformation into the stylish, contemporary office building at 375 Beale Street known today as the Bay Area Metro Center; and

WHEREAS, Teri captained a Bay Area Metro Center team that handled everything from finalizing the purchase of the property to the design and construction of its reincarnation; from the selection of furnishings and finishes to arranging the co-location of MTC's partner regional agencies; from orchestrating and choreographing agency staff relocations to establishing a new condominium ownership arrangement; and from selling MTC's interest in the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter in Oakland to negotiating leases with commercial tenants in the new building; and

WHEREAS, Teri earned her remodeling spurs by shepherding the seismic retrofit of the Oakland property as well as MTC's mid-2000s acquisition from BART of the building's drab second floor and its reinvention as a sparkling new workspace for scores of staff members either returning from temporary exile at the distant Lake Merritt Plaza building or joining MTC through the agency's absorption of one-time Caltrans accounting positions; and

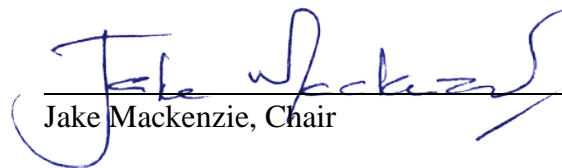
WHEREAS, Teri over the course of her career coordinated a nearly three-fold expansion of the MTC workforce, including both the 2006 addition of former Caltrans accounting personnel and the 2017 integration of MTC and ABAG staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her skills as a manager and as an office-space redesign expert, Teri also is a self-taught quilter and a member of the African-American Quilting Guild of Oakland who earlier this year exhibited a work entitled "Oakland, You Are Welcome," featuring an image of the new Bay Bridge East Span, at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Ky., as part of the Neighborhoods Coming Together: Quilts Around Oakland display of quilts crafted by members of the multi-generational guild; and

WHEREAS, Teri had planned to retire a few years ago but demonstrated a characteristic team-first ethos by staying on to oversee completion of the agency's transition to the Bay Area Metro Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the commissioners and staff of MTC thank Teri for her career as a paragon of public service, pay tribute to her exemplary record of achievement, and wish her and her family Godspeed as they cruise into a new chapter of their lives and set sail on fresh adventures in the years ahead.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Jake Mackenzie, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the
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at a regular meeting of the Commission held in
San Francisco, California, on July 26, 2017.