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ABSTRACT

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Resolution of Appreciation for Tom Azumbrado upon his retirement from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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WHEREAS, Thomas Azumbrado is retiring from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 16 years of service, during which time he represented the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development with warmth, wisdom and good humor; and

WHEREAS, Tom supplemented his service to the Commission with work as a member of the Legislation, Operations and Planning committees; and

WHEREAS, Tom is retiring not only from the Commission but from his day job at HUD as well; and

WHEREAS, Tom's long career in public service includes a stint as executive director of a regional housing authority in Alaska as well as 30 years at HUD, where he assumed positions of increasing responsibility, ultimately rising to become Regional Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs for the department's western region, with a portfolio that included development, management and administration duties for more than 5,000 properties in 14 states stretching from the Arctic Ocean to the Mexican border, and from the Dakotas to Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Tom also has worked as a private sector management consultant and as an architect, holding licenses to practice in both California and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Tom has demonstrated the uncommon ability to refrain from voicing opinions unless and until there is something valuable and necessary that he can add to a conversation; and

WHEREAS, the combination of Tom's normal reticence and his insights into the myriad dynamics of housing markets lent an oracular power to his contributions to Commission discussions of housing and transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, Tom's commitment to solving housing problems extends beyond the confines of the Commission boardroom or even HUD's western region to include working alongside his daughters as part of a crew that built several houses in Tijuana's La Morita neighborhood; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the staff and commissioners thank Tom for his contributions to the Commission and to our nation, and warmly extend best wishes to Tom and his family for a happy retirement and for many years of rewarding adventures.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jake Mackenzie, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, on February 27, 2019.