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ABSTRACT

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Resolution of appreciation for Rosy Leyva upon her departure from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 29 years of service.

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RE: Resolution of Appreciation for Rosy Leyva

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WHEREAS, Rosa Maria Leyva is retiring from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Commission and to the agency's Executive Office; and

WHEREAS, community and public service has been a career-long calling for Rosy, who joined the MTC staff after 12 years as an administrative and executive assistant for the Oakland-based nonprofit Unity Council, where she found working on behalf of the Spanish-speaking community generally, and Spanish-speaking seniors in particular, to be highly rewarding; and

WHEREAS, Rosy in 1989 at long last heeded multiple entreaties from MTC public information officer Catalina Alvarado to bring her talents to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Rosy began her MTC career as a temporary administrative assistant to Joel Markowitz and before long earned a regular staff position as well as selection to work in the Executive Office to provide support first for Deputy Executive Director Bill Hein and later for both Bill and for Executive Director Larry Dahms; and

WHEREAS, the chops Rosy displayed in the Executive Office led to new responsibilities answering questions from Spanish-speaking callers to the MTC phone line; assisting with the translation into Spanish of agency brochures and other written materials; and developing Spanish content for pages on a newfangled thing called the MTC website; and

WHEREAS, supporting the adage that no good deed goes unpunished, Rosy's success in the Executive Office also led to her selection as a Commission Secretary; originally serving part-time and then earning appointment in early 1998 as the Commission's full-time Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Rosy gave true meaning to the term "full-time" by serving as Secretary for 238 of the 241 regular Commission meetings held in the ensuing 22 years; and

WHEREAS, playing the dual roles of Commission Secretary and executive assistant, Rosy not only set a tone of professionalism and respect that echoed throughout the agency but also demonstrated an uncanny ability to anticipate every possible thing that each Commissioner and each executive would need (and when it would be needed) throughout the day, smoothing the way for many people to simultaneously enjoy pleasant, productive and professional proceedings; and

WHEREAS, having established herself as a pillar of the Executive Office, Rosy trained her colleagues in the arts of tact, decorum and diplomacy while also nurturing an enduring sisterhood among the now-dispersed group affectionately known as *las tres amigas*; and

WHEREAS, Rosy's ability to quietly keep things moving behind the scenes, as well as her deep knowledge of the Commission's history and processes, and her personal support and friendship will be greatly missed by all her Executive Office colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and all the staff of MTC thank Rosy for her decades of service to the agency; congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement; encourage her pursuit of *abuela maxima*; and wish not only Rosy but also her husband Tony; her sons Tony, Jr., and Cesar; daughter-in-law Melisa; and her grandchildren Brooklynn and Brayden good health, good times and grand adventures.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggarty, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the
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