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RESOLUTION NO. 78627 C. M. S.

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE and
COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL IN THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 (THE "MAY REVISE") TO TAKE FUNDS FROM BOTH THE ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (AC TRANSIT) AND THE BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART)

WHEREAS, The Governor of California has recently proposed a State budget that would shift a total of \$29 million in anticipated revenue from both Bay Area transportation agencies -- \$20 million from AC Transit and \$9 million from BART each year for two years; and

WHEREAS, such a loss of revenue could result in extensive cuts to service including the elimination of evening and weekend service for AC Transit and Sunday service for BART; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit is the sole public bus system for the City of Oakland and other East Bay communities, serving over 235,000 riders per day; and

WHEREAS, BART is the primary light rail system for the City of Oakland and other East Bay communities, serving over 307,000 riders per day; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit has been forced to layoff more than one hundred employees and cut a total of \$25 million in service over the last three years due to the poor health of the economy; and

WHEREAS, BART is currently facing its third \$40 million operating deficit in the span of three years; and

WHEREAS, Cutting funds to AC Transit and BART will burden senior citizens and disabled citizens who rely on public transportation to obtain necessary services; and

WHEREAS, Cutting funds to AC Transit and BART will make it difficult for working people to travel to their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Cutting funds to mass transit would encourage more people to drive cars, thereby clogging roadways and increasing commute times; and

WHEREAS, Cutting funds to mass transit will increase air pollution and damage the environment of the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council urges the Governor and the State Legislature to continue to exempt both AC Transit and BART from the state government's policy of transferring local funds to the so-called Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF), so that AC Transit and BART can avoid cutting essential transportation services to the citizens of Oakland and other East Bay communities.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE *8*

NOES- *0*

ABSENT- *0*

ABSTENTION- *0*

ATTEST:



CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California