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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER 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

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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; and

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

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