


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER WANG

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SUPPORT FOR A SAN ANTONIO BART STATION AND CALLING ON THE BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART) TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, Oakland is the geographic center of the Bay Area and home to diverse, transit-dependent communities who rely on equitable and reliable public transportation for access to jobs, schools, healthcare, and community life; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio neighborhood—bordered by International Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard, and Interstate 880—is among Oakland's densest communities, yet it lacks direct access to regional rail transit despite its central location between the Lake Merritt and Fruitvale BART stations; and

WHEREAS, a San Antonio BART station has been a long-standing community priority and is supported by the San Antonio Station Alliance, a coalition of community leaders, residents, and organizations advocating for equitable access to high-capacity transit; and

WHEREAS, a San Antonio BART station would significantly reduce walking times to rail transit for tens of thousands of residents in the San Antonio, Eastlake, Clinton, Cleveland Heights, and surrounding neighborhoods—many of whom are lower-income households and immigrant families disproportionately burdened by transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, a new station would strengthen connections between East Oakland and the regional economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting trips from cars to transit, and promote equitable transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, the San Antonio neighborhood has some of the highest bus ridership in Oakland, demonstrating the strong demand for high-quality transit service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes that a new station could provide significant safety benefits by improving lighting, street activity, and community vitality in an under-served corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District has the technical expertise to evaluate the feasibility, costs, benefits, and design options of a potential San Antonio BART station, but has not yet conducted a comprehensive study of this opportunity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby expresses its strong support for the development of a San Antonio BART station and urges the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to initiate a formal feasibility study of the proposed station, in collaboration with the City of Oakland, community stakeholders, and the San Antonio Station Alliance; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator to transmit this resolution to the BART Board of Directors, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and other relevant regional agencies to ensure that planning for a San Antonio BART station is advanced as part of regional transportation priorities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland affirms its commitment to equitable transit access and community-driven planning, and will work in partnership with BART and local stakeholders to ensure that any San Antonio BART station maximizes community benefits and minimizes displacement risks

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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