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Date: November 22, 2022
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: **Celebrating Elsa Ortiz And Her 16 Years Of Service With AC Transit**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Please join me in celebrating the retirement of Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) Board President, Elsa Ortiz, and her years of exemplary service to both Oakland and all of the East Bay. Ms. Ortiz will retire from the Board of Directors on December 2, 2022, having provided 16 years of leadership and commitment to AC Transit and the community.

Board President Elsa Ortiz was elected to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District in 2006 by the voters of San Leandro, Oakland, and Alameda, and is completing her fourth term on the AC Transit Board of Directors. During her tenure on the Board, she spearheaded strategic land use and transportation policy, and worked with her colleagues on the Board, the AC Transit General Manager, along with City, Regional, State, and Federal policymakers to steer the District through a challenging and unprecedented time – the COVID-19 pandemic. Elsa also serves as Vice Chair of Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC). As an ACTC Commissioner, she is the first special district representative, specifically a transit district representative, to serve in this regional leadership role.

For her many contributions, Director Ortiz received the Conference on Minority Transportation Officials' "Women Who Move the Nation" award, which honors the outstanding contributions of women leading and advancing America's transportation industry. In October 2022, the San Francisco Business Times named Elsa Ortiz as one of the 2022 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business, and she also received the 2022 Women's Transportation Seminar Rosa Parks Diversity award.

The Oakland City Council extends its congratulations to Elsa Ortiz on her retirement from the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District and for her 16 years of exemplary service and leadership to the Oakland Community and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan

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