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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS WANG AND BROWN

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1837 (GONZÁLEZ)
ALLOWING PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS TO INSTALL
AUTOMATED FORWARD-FACING PARKING CONTROL DEVICES ON
CITY-OWNED PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, public transit reliability is a cornerstone of the City of Oakland's "Transit First" policy and is essential for maintaining an efficient, reliable transportation system that provides access to opportunity; and

WHEREAS, transit-only lanes and bus stops in Oakland are frequently obstructed by illegally parked vehicles, which creates safety hazards for passengers, causes significant delays for transit operators, and discourages public ridership; and

WHEREAS, existing California law authorizes public transit operators to utilize video imaging systems, including forward-facing cameras, to enforce parking violations in transit-only lanes, but this authorization is currently set to expire on January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1837 (González) would extend this expiration date to January 1, 2034, authorizing the continued use of video imaging for the enforcement of parking violations in both transit-only traffic lanes and at transit stops; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit is a co-sponsor of AB 1837 and has successfully utilized this technology to support its ability to operate on-time schedules and deter traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has recommended a "Support" position on AB 1837 as part of its 2026 Legislative Program; and

WHEREAS, supporting AB 1837 aligns with the City's commitment to equity by expanding access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation options for low-income and underserved communities who rely most heavily on public transit; and

WHEREAS, automated enforcement improves the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders, by reducing the need for buses to merge into general traffic to avoid obstructions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland seeks to advocate for resources and legislation that enable the delivery of safe, multimodal infrastructure and effective transportation system operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby registers its formal support for Assembly Bill 1837 (González); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City’s legislative advocates to include support for AB 1837 in the City’s advocacy efforts in Sacramento; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Assemblymember Mark D. González, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, and the Board of Directors of AC Transit.

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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