

**ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 23-012**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFETIME AND LEGACY OF BELOVED ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCATE  
AND COMMUNITY LEADER JANET ABELSON**

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**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson was a resident of El Cerrito, California for more than 50 years where she served on the City Council for more than two decades and was mayor five times - in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson was a powerful voice in her community, never forgetting the disadvantaged and disabled in her advocacy and was a longtime and tireless advocate for accessibility and services to the low-income residents of not only El Cerrito, but the entire East Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson championed for equality for the disadvantaged population by supporting projects such as the Student Bus Pass Program for low-income students in West Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson served on many committees, including as Chair of the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and as member on many more local and regional committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson was one of the original members of the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) where she served from 1991 until her passing in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson served as Committee Chair and Vice Chair numerous times during her tenure on the AAC and was instrumental in the April 2003 kickoff of the AAC's "Consumer Participation in Driver Training" program and provided valuable input with regard to various operational matters coming before the Committee over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson's tenure on the Accessibility Advisory Committee is characterized by her care and concern for others, faithful attendance, and thoughtful contributions to discussions; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson was a member on the Eastbay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee (SRAC) for over two decades, serving as Committee Chair and Vice Chair several times during her tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson was an original member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Parcel Tax Fiscal Oversight Committee, serving on the Committee from 2003 to 2023, where she also served as Chair for more than a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet Abelson's tenure and leadership on the Parcel Tax Fiscal Oversight Committee reflected her commitment to ensuring that the parcel tax funds collected by the District were spent in accordance with the will of the voters.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District does resolve as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors and staff of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District declare our respect and admiration to Janet Abelson for her numerous contributions to the greater good of the community, accessible public transit, for 32 years of dedicated service as member of the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee and two decades of service on the District's Parcel Tax Fiscal Oversight Committee.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors and staff wish to express our sincere appreciation for Janet's contributions and service to the District and the community.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28th day of February 2023.

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Joel B. Young  
President

Attest:

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Linda A. Nemeroff  
Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

I, Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 28th day of February 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Linda A. Nemeroff  
Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

Approved as to Form and Content:

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Jill Sprague  
General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer