

**ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-008**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF ART SHANKS

WHEREAS, Art Shanks was a well-known advocate for civil rights and workforce and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shanks started his career in construction under his father's guidance and went through two formalized apprenticeship programs, carpenter and cement masons. He received degrees from Merritt College and California State East Bay and also received a California Community Colleges Limited-Service Credential for biology/math and cement masonry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shanks was a co-founder of Oakland's Cypress Mandela Training Center, a pre-apprenticeship program, and its executive director for almost 17 years. An essential part of the training offered by Cypress Mandela is life skills, something Mr. Shanks believed was equally as important as the trades training itself. In 2009, Cypress Mandela partnered with PG & E and established the Power Pathway program graduating approximately 203 students, one of which stated that Mr. Shanks taught discipline, life skills and emotional intelligence; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with Cypress Mandela, Mr. Shanks served on the Social Justice Committee for the Port of Oakland, the Oakland Unified School Committee and the Community and College Consortium for Health and Safety Training/PETE. He was also appointed to the Advisory Board of the Federal Committee on Registered Apprenticeship in Washington D.C. and served three terms, advising on the development and administration policies affecting apprenticeship measures that fostered quality workplaces and workforce readiness.

WHEREAS, For his accomplishments and dedication to civil rights and workforce development, Mr. Shanks received the Jefferson Award in 2016 and was honored at the 2019 JHC Legacy Event.

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

Section 1. Declares our respect and admiration to Art Shanks for his numerous contributions to public service including civil rights and workforce and economic development. He set a standard of dedication and hard work that we should all strive to achieve.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of January 2020.

Joe Wallace, President

Attest:

Linda A. Nemeroff, 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 22nd day of January 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary

Approved as to Form and Content:

Denise C. Standridge, General Counsel