

**ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 25-033**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF H. E. CHRISTIAN "CHRIS" PEEPLES**

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**WHEREAS** H. E. Christian "Chris" Peeples dedicated his life to public service, civic engagement, and the advancement of equitable and sustainable transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples was first appointed to the AC Transit Board of Directors in 1997 as an At-Large member and served with distinction for nearly three decades, including as President, Vice President, and chair of numerous committees, consistently demonstrating leadership and tireless dedication to improving public transit for the people of the East Bay and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples brought to his public work a brilliant legal mind, shaped by decades of experience as a practicing attorney and civil rights advocate, using the law as a tool to expand opportunity, defend the rights of marginalized communities, and promote systemic change; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, AC Transit became a national model for innovation in bus rapid transit, environmental stewardship through the introduction of zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell buses, and equitable access to mobility for underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples was a fierce advocate for disability rights and accessibility in public transportation, ensuring that AC Transit served all members of the community with dignity, respect and fairness; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris's work extended beyond AC Transit to numerous regional and national transportation committees, associations, roles and initiatives, where he brought his deep knowledge, principled leadership, and unwavering commitment to social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples was widely respected for his intellectual rigor, humility, and unwavering moral compass, as well as his unique ability to build consensus among diverse stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples was, to many who knew him well, an "Artist" — one who navigated politically charged spaces with rare grace, focusing the full force of his convictions on the issues, never the individuals; his ability to speak truth to power without personal rancor was both a gift and a legacy, and his irrepressible spirit continues to inspire all who were fortunate enough to witness it; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Peeples was not only a dedicated public servant but also a beloved mentor, colleague, and friend whose life inspired many and whose legacy will continue to shape the future of AC Transit and public transportation for generations to come.

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

**Section 1.** The AC Transit Board of Directors hereby honors and celebrates the life, service, and enduring legacy of H. E. Christian "Chris" Peeples and expresses our profound gratitude for his contributions to our community, our region, and the field of public transportation.

**Section 2.** The AC Transit Board of Directors hereby names the Zero Emission Program the *H. E. Christian (Chris) Peeples Zero Emission Program* in recognition of his visionary leadership in advancing environmentally sustainable public transportation, honoring his decades-long advocacy for clean energy solutions, his instrumental role in pioneering hydrogen fuel cell technology, and his unwavering commitment to building a transit system that serves both people and the planet.

**Section 3.** The AC Transit Board of Directors hereby directs the General Manager to cause every headsign on every bus in the District to honor the memory of our beloved colleague and friend, H. E. Christian "Chris" Peeples on September 26, 2025, as a tribute to his profound impact on our community and public transit system.

**Section 4.** Directs that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family and loved ones of Chris Peeples as a token of our appreciation and in recognition of a life well lived in service to others.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of September 2025.

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Diane Shaw  
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 24th day of September, 2025, 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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Aimee L. Steele  
General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer