

**ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-059**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES TO JOE WALLACE FOR 20
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE AC TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
REPRESENTATIVE OF WARD 1**

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace was elected to the AC Transit Board of Directors in November 2000, and was re-elected four more times to represent the constituents of Ward 1, which includes the cities of Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Kensington, North Richmond and a portion of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace was elected by his fellow Board members to serve as Vice President of the Board an unprecedented seven times and as President of the Board in 2004, 2005, 2019 and 2020. Mr. Wallace also served as Chair of the External Affairs Committee and the Operations Committee and served on numerous Liaison Committees including the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and the Contra Costa Bus Transit Coordinating Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace is well known for his strong opposition to the closure of the Division 3 bus yard in Richmond in 2011 due to budget cuts, and convinced the Board in 2014 to reverse course which led to the re-dedication of the remodeled facility in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace is a strong supporter of AC Transit's Local and All-Nighter service, in particular Lines 72R and 376, knowing all too well the vital importance of high quality and reliable bus service to working-class people; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa County honored Joe Wallace with its Leadership Award for his outstanding service to the community, and was recognized in 2005 by the Neighborhood House of North Richmond for his contributions to the organization's success; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace advocated tirelessly to make Clipper more accessible to people living in disadvantaged and low-income communities, believing that these populations should not have to go into a liquor store to purchase or put money on a Clipper card in order to ride the bus, and fought hard for the expansion of Clipper vendors in communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wallace is a strong supporter of AC Transit's front line workers and never failed to publicly express his appreciation at the end of each Board meeting, thanking them for getting him to work safely knowing they have one of the hardest jobs in the world; and

WHEREAS, In the instance of Director Joe Wallace, indelible is a descriptor that has embodied his public service for the past two decades. Director Wallace is someone who understood, firsthand, the transformative impact of public transit and fearlessly took to the dais in the protection of transit for the people of AC Transit's Ward 1. He is a passionate ally who created a template for public servants here and beyond.

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

Section 1. The Board expresses its deepest appreciation and sincerest best wishes to Joe Wallace for twenty years of dedication in furtherance of AC Transit's mission to provide safe, reliable and sustainable bus service as Director, Ward 1, and for his abiding concern for the progress of this District and the communities it serves. And, although you may be leaving the AC Transit Board, you will always be a part of the AC Transit family.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 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 12th day of November, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary

Approved as to Form and Content:

Jill A. Sprague, General Counsel