

1 [Urging the BART Board of Directors to appoint a San Franciscan to the Board's currently
2 vacant seat]

3 **Resolution urging the BART Board of Directors to appoint a San Franciscan to the**
4 **Board's currently vacant District 7 seat, due the essential role of San Francisco to**
5 **BART and BART's critical role in San Francisco's transportation network.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has been represented on the BART Board of Directors by
8 three Directors continuously since 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, BART is an integral mode of public transportation in San Francisco and
10 provides critical transit service to seniors, the disabled, students and youth, and people who
11 choose not to or cannot afford to drive; and

12 WHEREAS, 10 percent of transit trips made within San Francisco is made on BART
13 and 75 percent of all transit trips to and from San Francisco are on BART; and

14 WHEREAS, 75 percent of all BART trips on an average weekday begin or end in San
15 Francisco; 26 percent are made entirely within the city proper and 49 percent are transbay
16 trips; and

17 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, San Francisco voters overwhelmingly supported
18 Measure BB to ensure the seismic safety of the Transbay Tube and BART with 73% support,
19 which exceeded other counties in the District such as Contra Costa County (55% support)
20 and Alameda County (66% support); and

21 WHEREAS, a study completed in 2000 found that the number of jobs near San
22 Francisco BART stations increased 24 percent from 1970 to 1990, compared to 19 percent at
23 areas not near BART stations, and that at least 80,000 office jobs created in San Francisco
24 during that period could not have been accommodated without BART access; and

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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to eight BART stations that provide critical support
2 for retail, tourism, sports and entertainment industries and allow regional transit access to
3 major public events such as the Gay Pride parade, Carnival, New Year's Eve celebrations,
4 Chinese New Year parade, Columbus Day parade, Martin Luther King Day celebration,
5 Halloween festivities, San Francisco Giants ballgames, and the recent peace protests; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco has consistently and passionately supported the expansion
7 of BART to the San Francisco International Airport, Pittsburg Bay Point in Contra Costa
8 County, and Dublin/Pleasanton in Alameda County; and has engaged in significant planning
9 of housing density near BART stations; and

10 WHEREAS, five districts on the present BART Board include all or part of Contra
11 Costa County, five districts include all or part of Alameda County, but only three include all or
12 part of San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, the departing representative for District 7 on the BART Board of Directors
14 is a San Franciscan who was elected by voters in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa
15 counties in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, the District 7 seat is now vacant in the midterm and open in 2004, and it is
17 the stated desire of the duly elected, departing District 7 representative that a San Franciscan
18 fulfill her duties and responsibilities until the seat comes up for election in 2004; and

19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the City
20 and County of San Francisco urge the BART Board of Directors to appoint a San Franciscan
21 to the vacant District 7 seat due to the essential role of San Francisco to BART and BART's
22 critical role in San Francisco's transportation network.

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