

1 [Supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District’s Sanctuary in Transit Policy]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District’s Sanctuary in Transit**
4 **Policy.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long history supporting documented and
7 undocumented immigrants, being one of the first jurisdictions nationwide to declare itself a
8 sanctuary city in 1989; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Research Center, at least 35,000 undocumented
10 immigrants live in San Francisco and over 500,000 live in the greater Bay Area; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of these undocumented members of our community rely on public
12 transportation, including Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), to get to work, to school, and to run
13 daily errands; and

14 WHEREAS, A basic premise of San Francisco’s Sanctuary City policy is that when
15 local law enforcement focuses on keeping communities safe, rather than becoming entangled
16 in federal immigration efforts, our communities are safer and more robust; and

17 WHEREAS, BART has introduced a call for a Sanctuary in Transit policy to protect
18 everyone, including our undocumented friends, neighbors, and colleagues, from being unduly
19 targeted during their commutes; and

20 WHEREAS, The proposed Sanctuary in Transit policy would limit the information
21 that BART shares directly or indirectly with the federal government, joining countless other
22 cities and counties, including San Francisco, from participating in federal immigration
23 enforcement; and

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1 WHEREAS, This first-of-its-kind policy would ensure that our local policing resources
2 are used to promote safety on our public transportation system, rather than for the
3 enforcement of divisive federal laws; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commend Director Josefowitz and Director
5 Simon for proposing BART's Sanctuary in Transit Policy and strongly urge the Bay Area
6 Rapid Transit Board of Directors to support it.

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