

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, Mark Zabaneh joined the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) in 2013 as a Senior Program Manager and was promoted to Executive Director in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Zabaneh has dedicated his career to building California's infrastructure, first in his capacity as an engineer at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and then as its Deputy District Director for Program and Project Management where he delivered complex capital and seismic safety projects throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the TJPA, Executive Director Zabaneh was a key member of the Project Leadership Team at Caltrans that delivered the Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore Project helping secure full funding for the project, the largest stimulus-funded transportation project in the country at the time, delivering the project on time and budget. He was also instrumental in delivering the State Route 92/Interstate 880 Interchange project, the Interstate 880 Seismic Retrofit projects, the Interstate 680 Sunol Grade HOV/Express Lane Project, the San Mateo Hayward Bridge Trestle and East Approach Widening project as well as several other large and complex projects; and

WHEREAS, Under Executive Director Zabaneh's leadership, the TJPA delivered Salesforce Transit Center, a modern regional transportation hub connecting transit systems throughout the Bay Area and one of the most important pieces of infrastructure to be delivered to the San Francisco Bay Area in a generation; a center at the heart of a new transit friendly neighborhood with new homes, parks and shops, providing access to public transit literally at the foot of people's doorsteps allowing them to travel and commute without the need for a car; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the TJPA, Executive Director Zabaneh also successfully negotiated a 25-year, \$110 million naming rights agreement to fund transit center operations; secured environmental approvals and received an amended Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration for Phase 2 of the Transbay Program and worked with the region to choose a preferred alignment, all critical milestones in moving the Downtown Rail Extension forward; secured \$325 million for the development and construction of Phase 2/Downtown Rail Extension from Regional Measure 3, one of the highest funding recipients; negotiated a complex asset management agreement to operate and maintain Salesforce Transit Center, including successfully operating a world-class public park in partnership with the community; leased more than 80,000 square feet of retail space, in a challenging real estate market; and maximized revenue from advertisement, promotions and sponsorships; and

WHEREAS, The TJPA greatly benefited from the thoughtful leadership, knowledge, depth of experience, and integrity that Executive Director Zabaneh has brought to the TJPA; and

WHEREAS, On August 31, 2020, Executive Director Zabaneh will retire from the TJPA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Transbay Joint Powers Authority expresses its most sincere gratitude to Executive Director Zabaneh for his commitment to the TJPA and the Transbay Program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Transbay Joint Powers Authority wishes Executive Director Zabaneh continued success in all of his future endeavors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors at its meeting of August 18, 2020.

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Secretary, Transbay Joint Powers Authority