



Legislation Text

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Proclamation Honoring Elsa Ortiz for her 16 Years of Service on the AC Transit Board of Directors

WHEREAS, Elsa Ortiz was elected to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) Board of Directors in 2006 by the voters of San Leandro, Oakland and Alameda, where she supported the agency's mission to connect East Bay communities and people to each other; and

WHEREAS, Elsa Ortiz also worked as an attorney and policy consultant to former Presidents of the State Senate Don Perata and Darrell Steinberg on issues affecting Indian Nations, along with service as Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to former California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer during his tenures as State Senator and Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Elsa Ortiz authored the District's "Buy American Goods" policy that required the District to buy locally, and was instrumental in the effort to double the number of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises working with the District; and

WHEREAS, she also served as Board President in 2011, 2012, 2017 and 2022, and championed a Board action that established the District's first ever Project Labor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the San Francisco Business Times named Elsa Ortiz as one of the 2022 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business; she also received the 2022 Women's Transportation Seminar Rosa Parks Diversity award and the 2019 Women Who Move the Nation award from the National Conference on Minority Transportation Officials along with other awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Elsa Ortiz retired this month after having served four terms of office on the AC Transit Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby honor Elsa Ortiz for her 16 years of leadership, service and commitment to AC Transit and the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be

affixed this 19th day of December 2022.