

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-017

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION IN HONOR OF
RICK RAMACIER
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Rick Ramacier has served with distinction for over 32 years with the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA), culminating in his service as General Manager for the past 23 years; and

WHEREAS, as the Accessible Services Manager from 1992-1994, Mr. Ramacier helped establish and develop a high quality paratransit service for CCCTA's service area to meet the transportation needs of the most vulnerable:

WHEREAS, as Director of Service Planning from 1994-1998, Mr. Ramacier shaped both the fixed route service and paratransit service to maximize the quality of life for the communities served by CCCTA, and developed key relationships with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Contra Costa Transit Authority to ensure appropriate funding to maintain and grow CCCTA's public transit system; and

WHEREAS, as the General Manager since 1998, Mr. Ramacier has worked tirelessly and effectively to build a professional, diverse, and inclusive culture at CCCTA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramacier established a strong working relationship with a diverse workforce including the ATU Local 1605, Machinists Lodge No. 1173, Teamsters No. 856 and the administrative employees to create a working environment with high employee morale, and a strong work ethic that values each member of CCCTA's staff and the communities that CCCTA serves; and

WHEREAS, Rick's outstanding leadership skills enhanced a collaborative and cohesive Board of Directors decision-making approach to provide vital transit services which enabled CCCTA to serve the residents, from students to seniors in the Cities and Unincorporated Communities in Central and Southwest Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service Mr. Ramacier has led CCCTA to make major improvements in the quality of its public transit services, including the conversion to a hybrid electric fleet, the introduction of an innovative all electric bus service, the coordination of regional paratransit services in

Contra Costa County and playing a leadership role in developing the successful Measure J expenditure plan, approved by the voters, which increased transit services throughout Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, the public of all ages has benefitted from Rick's youthful decision to abandon a successful music career as the drummer in a band headed to heights to enter public service, and to devote much of his leisure time as an admired and dedicated CYO Basketball coach and the Athletic Director for Christ the King Church; and

WHEREAS, Rick has been a prominent public transit leader for the Bay Area, the State of California and the Nation, serving as Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Bay Area Partnership Board, Chair of the Clipper Executive Board, Association Board Member and Chair of the Legislative Committee of the California Transit Association, Chair of the Board of Directors of the California Association For Coordinated Transportation and Chair of the Accessibility Committee of the American Public Transportation Association; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID Crisis, under Rick's leadership and support, CCCTA, Tri Delta, LAVTA and WestCat developed and implemented an innovative one seat paratransit service to provide safe and efficient services for our communities' riders relying on these vital transit service; and

WHEREAS, Rick was a key member of the Bay Area Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Taskforce, displaying diplomatic skills that would rival the most senior international diplomat, working with Transit Operators, Labor, and Elected Officials, which resulted in the Taskforce adopting vital rider and worker covid safety protocols, as well as crafting a future pathway for transit recovery in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramacier has announced his retirement after many years of valued leadership in the Bay Area transit community, during which he has earned the sincere admiration and deep respect of staff and policy officials;

WHEREAS, as Mr. Ramacier retires, he leaves CCCTA in a solid financial position, stable labor relations, and its bus and paratransit services poised to regain ridership and ready to take on the next generation of growth and mobility options;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramacier leaves the leadership of CCCTA in the capable hands of those he has thoughtfully mentored and guided through the years to assume management positions within the agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramacier has served County Connection with great dedication, insight, and vision, and has contributed his considerable talents to tackle the complex public transportation issues of the Bay Area with innovation and creativity, all with a deep commitment to fairness and the best interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority does hereby express its heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation to Rick Ramacier for his astute leadership and dedicated service to County Connection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority offers its wholehearted best wishes for good health, fulfillment and well deserved happiness to Rick Ramacier as he embarks on his next adventures.

Unanimously adopted this 16th day of December 2021.

Dave Hudson, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board