



Rent Stabilization Board

DATE: September 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Members of the Rent Stabilization Board

FROM: Commissioner Alfred Twu and Chair Soli Alpert

SUBJECT: Recommendation to adopt Resolution 25-26 in support of Transit Funding

Recommendation:

The Board adopts Resolution *Supporting Bay Area Transit Funding* which urges the state to follow through on providing short term transit funding needed to avoid service cuts, and also supports efforts for a 2026 ballot measure to create long term funding.

Background and Need for Rent Stabilization Board action:

Berkeley is a city that relies heavily on transit. Tenants are more likely to not own a car, and without transit, they will lose access to job opportunities and/or have to spend money on buying and maintaining a car, both of which will affect their ability to afford rent.

Financial Impact:

This resolution has no financial impact to the City of Berkeley General fund allocation for the administration of the Empty Homes Tax and will not impact the Rent Board fund.

Name and Email Address of Contact Person:

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RESOLUTION 25-26

SUPPORTING BAY AREA TRANSIT FUNDING

WHEREAS, Many Berkeley tenants rely on public transit for transportation; and

WHEREAS, Quality transit service allows residents to live with fewer or no cars, reducing housing costs and the need to rent parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, Bay Area transit agencies, including BART and AC Transit, need additional funding to avoid severe service cuts such as lines being discontinued and station closures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board urges the State of California to provide short-term funding for 2026 to bridge the funding gap between now and a 2026 funding ballot measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board supports efforts to pass local transit funding.

Dated: September 18, 2025

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Soli Alpert, Chairperson
Rent Stabilization Board

Attest: _____
DéSeana Williams, Executive Director