



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA
An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



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Rocky Fernandez
President, Board of Directors
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District
1600 Franklin Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear President Fernandez:

Re: Proposed Fare Increase

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area urges AC Transit not to increase any fares for youth, seniors, and the disabled.

We understand the likely need to increase fares, despite voter support for the increased parcel tax (Measure VV). But at the time we signed the ballot argument in support of Measure VV, we were assured that fares for youth, seniors, and the disabled would NOT increase.

We appreciate that your proposal would keep monthly passes for youth, seniors, and the handicapped at the current amount. However, we strongly oppose any proposal to increase individual fares for these people by 15¢ a ride. A larger increase for other riders is more appropriate than increasing the fare; in the language of the ballot argument,

AC Transit buses are a lifeline that allows seniors and people with disabilities to remain independent and helps children get to and from school. Without Measure VV services will be reduced and fares will increase.

The League supports a fare increase in light of inadequate funding for public transit from non-fare sources. We oppose ANY fare increase for youth, seniors, and the handicapped.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Program/Action
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