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Mr. Tom Nolan, Chairman
San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency (SFMTA)
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94013

Re: 33 Ashbury-18th Bus Route

Dear Mr. Nolan:

At a duly noticed May 19, 2015 meeting of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) General Assembly, and as approved unanimously at the CSFN Transportation Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, in a dangerously clandestine manner the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has approved elimination of direct service on the 33 Ashbury-18th bus to San Francisco General Hospital on the only bus line that runs directly from the Richmond, Haight-Ashbury and Mission districts to the hospital; and

Whereas, demanding that seniors and disabled get off the 33 bus and transfer to the 9 San Bruno would be exposing this vulnerable population to unnecessary risk of accident and injury; and

Whereas, the Family Health Center and its Community Advisory Committee as well as the San Francisco Senior and Disability Action Assn committee is opposing these enormously damaging cuts to the 33 Ashbury bus line; and

Whereas, many senior and disabled have no other way to get to General; and

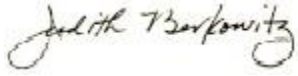
Whereas, this is unmistakably a gentrification issue wherein SFMTA is attempting to favor in a highly damaging and possibly illegal fashion the dotcom and luxury condominium community at Mission Bay over seniors, low income and the disabled who have for generations used the 33 bus to obtain crucial health services at General and its attendant clinics; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Health Department staff have recently gone on record stating that there is a parking crisis at General and cutting the 33 line to General will only exacerbate General's parking crisis; and

Whereas, San Francisco General Hospital is undergoing a nearly unprecedented expansion and SFMTA is required by law to serve all San Franciscans in a non-discriminatory fashion; therefore,

Be It Resolved, as a matter of public safety and convenience the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) urges the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency to immediately publicly announce and guarantee restoration of the 33 Ashbury-18th bus route to San Francisco General Hospital for a least the next five (5) years until 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Berkowitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Judith Berkowitz, President

cc: SFMTA Board; Roberta Boomer, Secretary to the Board