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**Re: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District support for  
Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Program Inclusion in  
FASTER Bay Area**

Dear Carl, Alicia and Jim:

On behalf of our employees and students, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) would like to state our support for the inclusion of the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvements Program as part of FASTER Bay Area. It is our understanding the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Bay Area Council of Governments and SPUR are working in partnership to have FASTER Bay Area on the November 2020 ballot for Bay Area voters. Our hope, as part of your regional analysis and negotiations, is that you are able to consider some or all of the Altamont Corridor Vision improvements.

Allow me to share some information regarding our employees and student transportation patterns and needs. Similar to other employers in the region, a large number of our over 1200 employees and 29,000 students commute to work on the area roadways and freeways. In a spring 2019 survey of our students and employee's transportation patterns and needs, we identified that 95% travel to work/school in single occupancy vehicles and on average log over 37 miles one way to reach their destination. While the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 would serve a greater percentage of students and staff at the Las Positas College (Livermore) location, a significant percentage of our students and staff from Chabot College (Hayward) also commute using the 580-Altamont corridor.

The proposed improvements would support the over 10,000 individual rides per month and nearly 500 daily students who take the bus to one or the other of our campuses each business day. While the FASTER Bay Area will support many other public transit options for our students and employees,

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this project will have a positive effect on the Northern California Megaregion's underserved communities by providing convenient and inexpensive sustainable transportation alternatives.

The District is committed to reducing the impact of travel by our constituents on the environment. The District's current climate action plan identifies vehicle commute miles as the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The increase in traffic congestion also contributes to lost time on the job including lost wages for our current hourly employees and missed classes for our students who get stuck in traffic. To achieve our Climate Action Goals and other State and Regional environmental and economic development goals, a robust passenger rail alternative is needed in the Altamont Corridor to increase mobility by providing sustainable transportation options, greater connectivity, a better quality of life, and access to jobs, educational opportunities and health care facilities.

We are pleased to provide this letter of support of the Altamont Corridor Vision Phase 1 Improvement Program to be included as a part of FASTER Bay Area to help move the Bay Area and the Northern California Megaregion forward.

Sincerely,



Ronald P. Gerhard  
Interim Chancellor  
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

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