

- h. Adopt Commendation for Jim Lawson for his tremendous dedication and service to improving transit access and quality of life for the residents of Santa Clara County. (Chavez)  
(ID# 24-5508)

- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson serves as the Chief External Affairs Officer of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Jim Lawson began his tenure with VTA in November 2005. Throughout the course of his career, Jim Lawson led numerous departments and offices across the organization, including Government Affairs, Board of Directors Office, Customer Service, Marketing, and Community Outreach;
- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson was appointed to the VTA Board of Directors as an Alternate Member in 1996 and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), while serving on the Milpitas City Council;
- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson's leadership and expertise were critical to the development and passage of the 2008 Measure B, 2016 Measure B, and 2016 Measure RR, which have facilitated significant investments in the infrastructure of the region's public transportation system;
- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson helped in the formation of critical programming such as the Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Board, the implementation of the Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Small Business Sustainability Program, and active participation in the VTA Board Governance Enhancement process;
- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson served the residents of Santa Clara County and employees of VTA throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that a critical piece of our county's transportation network continued during an unprecedented global health crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Jim Lawson remained steadfast in his support for the VTA family during and in the aftermath of the 2021 Guadalupe Light Rail Yard tragedy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and commend

## Jim Lawson

presented on the occasion of his retirement from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for 19 years of exemplary service and unwavering commitment to the residents of Santa Clara County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Sixteenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

Susan Ellenberg  
President, Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor, District Two

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County of Santa Clara  
Supervisory District Two



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**DATE:** April 16, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Cindy Chavez, Supervisor  
**SUBJECT:** Commendation for Jim Lawson

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Adopted: 04/16/2024