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Hello- Please find attached a public comment letter regarding Item 2.8 for the upcoming City Council meeting, submitted on behalf of Caltrain.

Thank you, and please let us know if there's anything further you need from us to ensure it is submitted.

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Re: Support for Caltrain Rate Amendment

Dear Ms. Marshall and Ms. Mitchell,

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), I am writing to express our gratitude to our Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) partners, Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) and San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE), for your incredible support of public transit and to voice our support for the rate amendments before your respective Board and City Council regarding Caltrain's regenerative braking energy. Caltrain could not be where it is today, up 75% in ridership over last year, without your help in supplying 100% renewable energy to power the electrification of Caltrain. Our collaboration not only helps improve air quality, but also demonstrates the power of community-facing organizations working together to benefit the public.

We deeply appreciate the work of your staff to develop an option to compensate Caltrain for the energy our trains regenerate and send back to the grid. Caltrain is supportive of the proposed flat interim credit of \$0.06/kWh effective no later than November 1, 2025 followed by transitioning those credits to standard Net Billing Tariff Floating Vintage Generation rates when Solar Billing Plan becomes available to non-residential customers. This compensation framework reflects a thoughtful, phased approach that values Caltrain's energy exports while minimizing unnecessary administrative burden to the CCAs .

With the approval of this rate amendment by the PCE Board and and San José City Council,

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July 25, 2025

Caltrain commits that we will not sponsor any legislation that would adversely impact CCA autonomy in its rate setting authority. We feel that this local solution achieves the goals of supporting regional transit, renewable energy innovation, and an environmentally sound future. We would also like to thank Assemblymember Papan for her leadership on this issue and her tremendous support for public transit and renewable energy generation.

We are very grateful for your willingness to work with us on solutions that can compensate clean, efficient systems like Caltrain for the power we return—furthering sustainability in public infrastructure.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and for helping make a cleaner, smarter future for Bay Area mobility possible. We look forward to working together to deepen this collaboration as Caltrain's electrified service continues.

Please contact Devon Ryan, Government and Community Affairs Officer (650-730-6172, ryand@caltrain.com), with any questions.

Sincerely,



Michelle Bouchard
Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
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