

**RESOLUTION 2022-2 SUPPORTING FAIR PROCESS FOR FORMER BART DIRECTOR
LATEEFAH SIMON**

Adopted March 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Lateefah Simon has been a long-standing member of BART's Board of Directors, serving faithfully since 2016 representing District 7, and as the Board's President in 2020

WHEREAS, Lateefah Simon brings a wealth of experience to this position as a result of her background from a historically marginalized community, as well as being disabled and transit dependent

WHEREAS, due to threats against her and her family due to her advocacy for police reform, she was forced to move from her home in Richmond to one bordering MacArthur station in Oakland, a move she ran by BART's general counsel, general manager, and other BART officials last May 2021 with no objections

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, it was ruled that her current residence was located a few hundred feet outside old District 7 lines, forcing her to vacate her position, despite the fact that the new District 7 lines just approved for redistricting will now include her residence for the 2024 election

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Party expresses dismay and disappointment in the manner of Ms. Simon's dismissal and urges BART to consult with outside counsel to explore all legal avenues for Director Simon to retain her seat and, if this is infeasible, to take any and all appropriate steps to engage in a transparent appointment process that allows for Director Simon to reapply for the appointment within the district in which she currently resides, using the newly approved District 7 lines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Mateo County Democratic Party requests this information be provided by the Bart Board of Directors and staff to the public in an open and understandable process.