

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-119

### **A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Opposing The Proposed Elimination Of Long-Distance Amtrak Passenger Train Service By The Federal Administration**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Emeryville is home to the Emeryville Amtrak Station, which opened August 13, 1993 and is one of the five busiest train stations in California, and the most proximate Amtrak station serving San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, over 587,000 passengers utilized the Emeryville Amtrak Station in 2015, serving over 1,600 people daily; and

**WHEREAS**, Emeryville Amtrak Station serves as the western terminus for the California Zephyr, which runs a daily service between Emeryville and Chicago, Illinois, the nation's longest daily train service and the second-longest distance train route in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Emeryville Amtrak Station serves the Coast Starlight, which has run a continuous service between Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California since Amtrak's formation in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, Emeryville Amtrak Station serves as a hub for both the Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin routes, taking thousands of Bay Area commuters and visitors to and from the San Francisco Bay Area to destinations across California, including Sacramento, Stockton, Bakersfield and San Jose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emeryville Amtrak Station provides a safe, reliable and environmentally-conscientious alternative to single-rider car trips through the city, reducing carbon emissions and traffic congestions in the Emeryville community, and promoting last-mile trips via bicycle, walking and the Emery-Go-Round; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government's proposed budget seeks to cut all funding to Amtrak's national train service, resulting in the elimination of services such as Coast Starlight and the California Zephyr; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed cuts would have significant and negative impacts on Emeryville's local economy, traffic congestion and efforts to combat climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Emeryville desires to publicly affirm its support for national Amtrak service and oppose the proposed changes in the federal budget that would have grave and immediate impacts on the economy, transit and environment for the people of Emeryville; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Emeryville declares its support for Amtrak and its national rail services; and



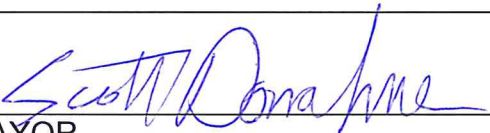
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Emeryville opposes the budget cuts being proposed to Amtrak service by the federal government, and calls on our congressional representatives to strongly oppose these proposed cuts for their short-sightedness on economic, transit and environmental policy; and

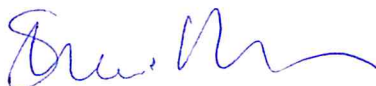
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk shall deliver a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

**ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>	Mayor Donahue, Vice Mayor Bauters and Council Members Martinez, Medina and Patz
NOES:	<u>0</u>	
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>	
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>	

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

  
CITY ATTORNEY