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NO ON SB532!!! NO more funding for Bicycle Parking. STOP YOUR ANTI CAR agenda or you will chase families and businesses out of the city

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Bay Area Transit Agencies have had more than enough bailouts at the expense of us taxpayers. On the heels of a State bailout to the tune of \$1.1Billion, SB532 is yet another bailout and a regressive tax on the working class and those who need to commute over bridges daily. These agencies must become self-sustainable and they must be forced to stop squandering opportunities to provide safe, reliable and clean public transit to Bay Area riders. Bay Area transit agencies created the financial mess they now find themselves in by engaging in gross mismanagement of funds and insisting on bloated over budget projects. Instead of providing the essentials to ensure safe, clean and reliable public transit, many of these agencies are catering to an anti-car agenda, diverting tax payer dollars away from popular public transit improvements opting to waste their budget dollars on unpopular, unsafe street closures instead. Your constituents should not pay the price for these agencies' complete mishandling of funds and prioritization of their non transit pet projects. SB532 does nothing more than hobble the ability of hard working constituents who need their cars due to a lack of viable public transit alternatives. Passage of SB532 will make it even less likely that visitors will return to the already decimated shopping districts hit hard by the pandemic.

The truth is that for years, Bay Area Transit has done almost nothing to create safe, reliable, clean public transit. What they did create, however, is a financially destructive doom loop where their failure to improve public transit has de-incentivized use of their product forcing folks back into their cars, resulting in a lack of ridership and subsequent lack of revenue. Bailing them out by increasing the cost for the average citizen to get to their jobs on top of the already skyhigh cost of living here only serves to punish your constituents who are simply trying to make a life in the Bay Area and it will drive more Californians out of this area. It is time to stand with the taxpayer who is merely the victim in this unfortunate, unnecessary and ill-advised bailout scheme. You must disrupt this cycle of costly failed policies that reduce ridership and burden residents.

Bay Area Transit Agencies need to be held accountable for their poor fiduciary decisions and they need to be put on a path to self-sustainability. It is imperative that you ensure that the recent \$1.1billion dollars allotted to Bay Area Transit agencies is spent equitably and prudently.

I am asking you to vote NO on SB532 to put an end to the repeated taxpayer bailouts of BART and other Transit agencies and to begin holding these agencies accountable for their irresponsible decisions and careless spending. **YOU ARE KILLING THE DIVERSITY AND FUNCTIONALITY OF THIS CITY!**

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, July 25th board meeting

Tony Villa <tvobsf@gmail.com>
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Dear SFCTA Board Members,

Statistics show that crime, open drug use, lack of law enforcement, and homelessness are chasing away tourists and businesses from San Francisco.

It is ridiculous to spend more on bicycle parking than on street repair and cleaning equipment. World news reports spotlight how filthy San Francisco has become.

Only 2% of San Francisco residents use bicycles as transportation. In general, tourists that spend money eating, drinking and shopping, and stay in hotels do not arrive by bicycle.

Clean up pollution! Studies all show that the best way to reduce smog and air quality is by switching to electric vehicles.

San Francisco needs more charging stations than bicycle parking.

San Francisco needs more car parking than bicycle parking. Tourists are the lifeblood of our economy!

No bridge toll increases. The state is wasting money on frivolous projects. Office buildings and commercial areas downtown are empty. Increased bridge tolls will only hurt our tourism industry and drive out potential companies and office workers. Many of our tourists come from the surrounding counties that drive into the city. Those people are no longer coming, making our economy even worse.

Bicycle racks make it more inviting and easier for thieves to steal bicycles of any value. Ask any law enforcement officer.

Fix it! Muni is inefficient, poorly run and outright scary.

Thank you,

Anthony C Villa
District 4