



June 12, 2009

The Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of Berkeley
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

RE: Tax Relief Action to Cut Commuter Carbon (TRACC) Ordinance

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I write to you to express AC Transit's support for the passage of a commuter-benefit ordinance in the City of Berkeley.

Commuter-benefit programs serve as important incentives to increase transit use, which in turn helps reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. We know that such benefits are very popular with employees and that thousands of AC Transit riders take advantage of employer-sponsored programs to purchase their bus passes.

As you know, the City of Berkeley participates in an AC Transit EasyPass program for all city employees. This same program is available to any employer with 100 or more employees, and would be a means to comply with the second of the three employer options ("Employer Paid Benefit") in the proposed ordinance. I'd like to suggest that our staffs work together to include EasyPass information in outreach materials developed for implementation of the ordinance. Victoria Wake, Marketing and Community Relations Manager, is available at (510) 891-7246 to discuss this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Fernandez".

Rick Fernandez
General Manager