

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 805
(Gonzalez Fletcher)

WHEREAS, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), is the consolidated region's transportation planning agency charged with long term planning, project design, and raising revenue for projects; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG failed to inform the voters in a timely manner that SANDAG revenue projections on Measure A were faulty, and used out-of-date cost estimates in the official long term plans for TransNet, despite SANDAG having updated its own figures a year earlier; and

WHEREAS, these out-of-date cost estimates enabled SANDAG to obscure an \$8.4 billion cost increase facing the projects until after the Measure A tax increase had failed; and

WHEREAS, such behavior warrants a reinforcement of transparency, accountability and fairness; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG is structured so that even though all cities in San Diego County contribute tax dollars proportionally to their population, decisions on how to spend tax revenues are made unfairly and undemocratically with cities making up 15% of the total county population given an effective veto over major population centers like the City of Chula Vista; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 805 (AB 805) has been introduced by Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher to reform SANDAG and make SANDAG more responsive to the concerns of San Diego County residents on issues like public transit, greenhouse gas reduction and individual community needs while also mandating tough new transparency and accountability rules for SANDAG operations; and

WHEREAS, AB 805 will reform the voting structure of SANDAG to provide more proportional representation to its member agencies, give a stronger voice to the City of Chula Vista and bolster the accountability and transparency of SANDAG by creating an independent audit committee; and

WHEREAS, AB 805 will authorize the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to approach voters for approval of new revenues in order to fund vital transportation projects both regionally and in the City of Chula Vista.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista supports Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher's AB 805 to increase accountability, transparency and fairness at SANDAG and provide MTS the authority to seek new funding so that major community priorities like expanded public transit and greenhouse gas reduction policies that are responsive to the community will move forward.

Presented by

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