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**DATE:** April 12, 2021  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Devra Selenis, VP, Communications and Partnerships and  
Olga Sanchez-Ochoa, General Counsel  
**SUBJ:** SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1196 - (COOLEY) - BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS VOTING PROCEDURE

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve a Resolution in support of Assembly Bill 1196.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

### DISCUSSION

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) was formed through special enabling legislation added to the California Public Utilities Code creating a special district to perform transportation planning, programming, construction, and operations. The section has been amended and updated throughout the years,

On February 18, 2021, Assembly member Ken Cooley introduced Assembly Bill 1196 (AB1196) that would amend the section that defines SacRT's Board Voting structure from the current weighted voting structure to a one-member-one vote structure. Making this change to SacRT's enabling legislation will result in a simplified voting structure that will be consistent with the voting structure of SacRT's transit industry peers. The weighted voting structure was implemented at a time when SacRT's Board was a mix of member entities and participating entities. Participating entities were those entities that had chosen to not annex into SacRT. The weighted voting structure was implemented to give member entities' votes greater weight, consistent with their commitment to SacRT. However, all but one Board member is now appointed by a member entity and the remaining participating entity is in the process of negotiating an annexation with SacRT. Thus, returning to a one-member-one-vote system will result in a simplified, streamlined voting structure consistent with the voting structure of most other transit agencies in California. SacRT staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to support AB 1196 (Cooley).

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04-0036

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Board hereby adopts a support position on Assembly Bill 1196 (Cooley), which would change the voting structure of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Board from a weighted voting structure, to a one-member-one-vote structure.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO or his designee is hereby authorized to testify before the California State Legislature and/or submit written correspondence to the California State Legislature and the Governor's Office, informing California's legislative and executive branches of Sacramento Regional Transit District's support for AB 1196 (Cooley).

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STEVE MILLER, Chair

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary