

JPB Board of Directors Meeting of July 9, 2020

Correspondence as of June 5, 2020

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- 1 Increase Discount for Caltrain Means Based Fare Pilot Program
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From: Eduardo Gonzalez <egonzalez@yli.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:09 AM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Increase Discount for Caltrain Means Based Fare Pilot Program

## Good morning,

My name is Lalo Gonzalez and I am representing YLI and I am also a member of TEAMC (Transportation Equity Allied Movement Coalition).

I am writing to you in support of increasing the discount on means-based fares from 20% to 50%. I also hope you can look at other references for the poverty level other than the federal poverty level because the cost of living in the Bay Area is much higher than the national average.

Please consider making CalTrain free during this crisis and follow the lead of bus agencies that have already done this across the region. Otherwise, consider honoring bus fares and bus passes as a valid form of payment on the train. There are some busses that are meeting the maximum amount of passengers given the distancing precautions; and opening up CalTrain to alleviate that concern and provide more opportunities for residents is very much needed.

Thank you.

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From: Riya Nath

To: Board (@caltrain.com)

**Subject:** demanding the IMMEDIATE resignation of board member

**Date:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:49:27 AM

## To Whom It May Concern:

Board Member Jeannie Bruins has recently made derogatory and racist remarks to the Vice Mayor of Los Altos in a Town Council Meeting, calling African American Councilwoman Fligaro "out of your cotton picking mind."

These remarks are disgusting and Ms. Bruins has NO place on the board that represent the Santa Clara community. I am deeply offended by her dehumanizing remarks and am demanding her immediate firing or resignation from the board. She has no place in representing the community -- she cannot treat members with basic respect. Please let me know what the outcome of this matter will be. I and others will not allow someone with racism and hatred to represent a diverse community. Her racism is unacceptable and must be rejected by the Caltrain Board through a firing or resignation and immediate public apology.

Sincerely, Riya Nath