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Albert J. Boro, President  
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District  
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RE: October 7, 2010 Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Golden Gate Ferry  
Frequent Rider Fares and Schedules

Dear President Boro:

The Sausalito City Council met September 28, 2010, and received a presentation on the proposed fee increases and schedule changes from Jim Swindler, Deputy General Manager Ferry Division. The City Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Sausalito Ferry fares and schedules and took public comment and gave direction to Staff. The direction is as follows:

- Our City Council is requesting that the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) study the negative impacts that fare increases will have on our residents. Based on the proposed fare increase, the City of Sausalito believes that a 32% fee increase would not be fair to our commuters compared to the proposed 13% fare increase being proposed in Larkspur for its commuter. The City of Sausalito would like to request that no fare raises take place that impact our commuters, especially in these difficult economic times. Most of our residents and commuters are looking for ways to save money and look to public transportation as a service to get to and from work.
- Our City Council believes that if fares are to be increased, it is critically important that you continue parity increases at the same percentage between Larkspur and Sausalito.

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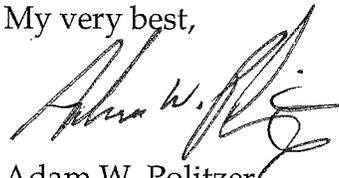
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- The City of Sausalito believes that across the board increases or decrease would have a significant impact on our ridership.
- Our City Council would support the GGBHTD to establish a fee or special fare to accommodate the bicycle companies in order to keep fare increases lower for the Sausalito commuter, including commuters that utilize bicycles.
- Our City Council believes that if fares have to be raised, that not only is parity important, but the City would ask that you look to increase the Full Fare rate as a first step, and then look at ridership challenges that creates the need for additional staffing levels and even the need for additional vessels to accommodate the demand.
- Our City Council supports the recommendation not to increase Senior Citizen fares. The City believes that all seniors should receive a discounted rate.
- Our City Council strongly supports the recommended schedule changes as proposed in the Staff Report. The Council believes that the proposed schedule changes better support our commuters and residence needs and would like GGBHTD to proceed forward with this proposed action.

The Sausalito City Council respectfully requests that the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors consider these responses. On behalf of the Sausalito City Council, I thank you for your invitation to provide written comments and giving us the forum to participate in the process.

My very best,



Adam W. Politzer  
City Manager  
City of Sausalito