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Dear Bay Area Delegation:

We are writing on behalf of the BART Board of Directors, BART General Manager, BART Police Department, BART Police Officers Association and BART Police Managers Association to convey our commitment to establishing civilian oversight of the BART Police Department. We are working cooperatively together with the involvement of experts in the field of civilian oversight to help ensure a thorough review of the different oversight models as we thoughtfully identify the approach and scope that best meet the requirements of BART and the communities we serve.

The Board of Directors created the BART Police Department Review sub-committee in January to advance efforts to conduct a comprehensive review of our police department and to work on the issue of civilian oversight with the community. This committee is also advancing a number of other initiatives that are aimed at setting the highest standards and building solid community relations between our police department and the people we serve.

Beginning in early May, we plan to host a series of public meetings to help facilitate dialogue on the topic of civilian oversight with the community. Our goal is to adopt a civilian oversight structure this year and to choose the model that will best serve the specific needs of the BART system.

We appreciate both your interest in and consideration of our work in this area. We will continue to keep you up-to-date on our progress to establish civilian oversight of the BART Police Department.

Sincerely,

Carole Ward Allen
Chair, BART Police Department Review Committee

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cc: BART Board of Directors
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