

Item 8

DATE September 4, 2019

TO GCTD Board of Directors

FROM Reed Caldwell, Assistant General Manager *RC*

SUBJECT Recognize the Pangasinan Association of Ventura County for Contributing \$12,000 to the City of Oxnard for Solar Lighting at Bus Shelters and the Filipino Nurses Association of Ventura County for Contributing \$3,000 to the City of Oxnard for Solar Lighting at the Bus Shelter at Saviers and Pleasant Valley

SUMMARY

On July 2 at the Oxnard City Council meeting, the Pangasinan Association of Ventura County contributed \$3,000 to the City of Oxnard for solar lighting to be installed at the bus shelter at St. John's Hospital. Director MacDonald stated that the Association has in the past contributed to have solar lights installed at the bus shelter near Oxnard College.

The Filipino Nurses Association of Ventura County has also contributed \$3,000 to the City of Oxnard for solar lighting at Saviers and Pleasant Valley.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors thank the Pangasinan Association of Ventura County and the Filipino Nurses Association of Ventura County with these Certificates of Appreciation for their commitment to helping improve transit service to the members of our community.

BACKGROUND

Providing solar lighting at bus shelters though out the GCTD service area is a great amenity to improve the appearance of bus shelters. These improvements provide additional safety and security for customers and help bus operators identify waiting customers at stops during early morning and late evening service. These contributions by the Pangasinan Association of Ventura County and the Filipino Nurses Association of Ventura County are greatly appreciated and illustrate the importance of transit service to members of the community and improve service to our customers. The Pangasinan Association has now contributed a total of \$12,000 to the City of Oxnard for solar lighting at four stops.

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Solar lighting is an excellent means of providing lights at bus shelters due to its low cost of installation and use, requires very little maintenance, and is a reliable source of lighting for these shelters. With seven different bus routes serving St. John's Regional Medical Center, many bus stops in the area are heavily used and improvements at one of the most heavily utilized stops will be a great benefit to our customers.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors thank the Pangasinan Association of Ventura County and the Filipino Nurses Association of Ventura County with Certificates of Appreciation for their commitment to helping improve transit service to the members of our community.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CONCURRENCE

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Steven P. Brown General Manager