

1 [City Agency Coordination to Resolve the Problem of Waterfront Parking Lot Scam Crimes]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office to promptly coordinate with the District**
4 **Attorney’s Office, the San Francisco Police Department, and the Port of San Francisco**
5 **to stop chronic parking lot scam crimes on the waterfront and adjacent neighborhoods.**

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7 WHEREAS, Several individuals have perpetrated parking lot scams along the
8 waterfront for several years, acting as parking lot attendants in self-pay lots; and

9 WHEREAS, Those scams have victimized San Francisco residents and tourists as well
10 as parking lot owners; and

11 WHEREAS, Some of the scams have resulted in violent altercations between parking
12 lot owners and scam artists on property owned by the Port of San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, One perpetrator, Mr. Fofana Mbemba, has been arrested at least 14 times
14 for similar crimes and has been convicted and sent to state prison, yet repeatedly has
15 returned to the waterfront to engage in more scams; and

16 WHEREAS, The parking lot scams have been widely reported in the news media
17 including ABC 7 local news; and

18 WHEREAS, The District Attorney’s Office has recommended coordinating with the San
19 Francisco Police Department fraud detail to try to curtail the parking lot scam crimes; and

20 WHEREAS, The District Attorney’s Office and the Police Department have yet to
21 develop such coordination, despite the fact that the chronic crime problem has existed for
22 several years and continues today; and

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco waterfront is a popular tourist destination and will
24 become even more so with the summer and fall tourist seasons, as well as America’s Cup
25 events scheduled to begin in the coming months; and

1 WHEREAS, Residents, merchants, parking lot owners, and the Port of San Francisco
2 are concerned about waterfront safety and crime; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 urge the Mayor’s Office to promptly coordinate with the District Attorney’s Office, the San
5 Francisco Police Department and the Port of San Francisco to stop chronic parking lot scam
6 crimes on the waterfront and adjacent neighborhoods.

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