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[Shopping Cart Task Force]

AMENDING RESOLUTION 357-98, CREATING AN ABANDONED SHOPPING CART TASK FORCE ("TASK FORCE") TO INVESTIGATE HOW THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ["THE CITY"] CAN EFFECTIVELY REMOVE ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS FROM THE CITY'S STREETS AND REDUCE SHOPPING CART THEFT WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO INCREASING THE COST OF LIVING IN THE CITY BY EXTENDING THE DATE BY WHICH THE TASK FORCE SHALL COMPLETE ITS WORK AND REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MARCH 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, Abandoned shopping carts pose a threat to public safety, are a source of urban plight and ultimately contribute to increasing the cost of living in the City; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has previously conducted hearings on abandoned shopping carts; and

There has been testimony before the WHEREAS, Board Supervisors of the threat to public safety that abandoned shopping carts pose to children, pedestrians, parked cars and traffic; and

been testimony before the of There has WHEREAS, Board Supervisors of the need to educate the public on the correlation between customers taking shopping carts from a store's premises to transport their purchases to their residences and the subsequent

increase of the costs of goods from such store to cover the costs of permanently lost and/or stolen shopping carts; and

WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of Supervisors on how efforts to rid the streets of abandoned shopping carts might adversely impact the homeless population whose worldly possessions are often contained in such carts and who are mistakenly identified with the problem of abandoned shopping carts; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness remains a major problem in the City and the needs of that population warrant a careful consideration of that community's needs and views in approaching the problem of abandoned shopping carts; and

WHEREAS, There has been testimony before the Board of Supervisors about the need to involve neighborhood groups and associations in the development of a plan to eliminate abandoned shopping carts from City streets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco establishes an Advisory Task Force on Shopping Carts consisting of thirteen (13) members who will represent the following officials and groups: the Mayor of San Francisco or his designee, a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Chief of the San Francisco Police Department or his designee, the Director of Public Works or

his designee, the Director of Public Health or his designee, the City Attorney or her designee and a designee from one of the following entities: the Northern California Grocers Association, Lucky Stores, Inc., Safeway Stores, Inc. and a designee from the Lakeshore Homeowners Association, the Senior Disabled Community and 2 designees from the Coalition of Homelessness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shopping Cart Task Force shall report on the following:

- 1. How the public can be educated on the adverse impact the removal and subsequent lost of shopping carts can have on the costs of their future purchases.
- 2. How the City can collaborate with the private sector, homeless advocates and community groups to effectively remove abandoned shopping carts from the City's streets by , among other things, instituting a shopping cart removal program modeled after that of the City of Stockton or creating and implementing a program that would provide a tax write-off to merchants donating old carts to homeless organizations.
- 3. The feasibility of the City of San Francisco setting aside space in certain neighborhoods so that the homeless can safely store their carts without fear that their carts would be confiscated.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members of the Task Force shall be appointed and/or confirmed by the Board of Supervisors and such action shall be taken by May 28, 1998; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members to the Task Force on Shopping Carts shall automatically expire on March 4, 1999.



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Resolution

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Resolution amending Resolution No. 357-98, creating an Abandoned Shopping Cart Task Force ("Task Force") to investigate how the City and County of San Francisco ("The City") can effectively remove abandoned shopping carts from the City's streets and reduce shopping cart theft which contributes to increasing the cost of living in the City by extending the date by which the Task Force shall complete its work and report to the Board of Supervisors to March 4, 1999.

October 13, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 13, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved