

1 [Declaring a State of Emergency on Pedestrian and Cyclist Fatalities in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution declaring a state of emergency regarding pedestrian and cyclist fatalities in**
4 **San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, On average three people a day are hit by cars in San Francisco, more
7 than any other city in the state of California; and

8 WHEREAS, 75 percent of fatal crashes happen in 13 percent of San Francisco’s
9 streets known as “high-injury corridors;” and

10 WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero SF, a policy committing the
11 city of San Francisco to a goal of zero traffic related deaths by 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, To date, San Francisco has had 14 pedestrian and cyclist deaths related
13 to traffic collisions in 2019, doubling the number of pedestrian and cyclist deaths as compared
14 to the same time last year; and

15 WHEREAS, 2019 is on track to be one of the deadliest years for pedestrians on record;
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17 WHEREAS, Speed is a significant determining factor in pedestrian death as a result
18 from a vehicular collision, with evidence that a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 40 miles per
19 hour has a 15 percent survival rate, while a pedestrian hit by a car traveling at 20 miles per
20 hour has closer to a 90 percent chance of surviving the collision; and

21 WHEREAS, Traffic safety improvements have been implemented across the city in a
22 piecemeal manner at a pace and with an approach that is inadequate and is frequently in
23 response to fatal accidents instead of taking proactive steps to reduce risk; and

24 WHEREAS, Increasing red light cameras, pedestrian scrambles, and bulb-outs, as well
25 as reducing speeds, reducing the number of car lanes, re-timing traffic lights, and many other

1 safety increasing measures can be implemented immediately to help address these safety
2 issues; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares a State of Emergency in the San
4 Francisco citing rising numbers of pedestrian fatalities as a result of vehicular collisions; and,
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6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor of San
7 Francisco to join the Board of Supervisors in declaring a State of Emergency; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal
9 Transportation Agency and all city agencies and leaders to speed up timelines and come up
10 with a plan to implement immediate safety improving measures such as doubling the number
11 of red-light cameras, implementing more pedestrian scrambles and bulb outs, retiming traffic
12 lights, and prioritizing pedestrian and cyclist safety over the flow of traffic; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and our state
14 representatives to prioritize moving forward policies that strongly support pedestrian and
15 cyclist safety.

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