

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 40 (Ting) - Pedestrian and Bicycle Tolls]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 40, authored by Assemblymember Ting, and**
4 **urging the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors to remove pedestrian and**
5 **bicycle tolls from its list of potential revenue generators.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the Bay Area’s greatest public treasures
8 and belongs to the people of California; and

9 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors, which has jurisdiction
10 over the Golden Gate Bridge, has proposed implementing a study on the impacts of the tolling
11 of bicyclists and pedestrians on the bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, Cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles are the most significant cause
13 of deterioration of the bridge, while pedestrians and bicyclists cause little to no maintenance
14 issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Charging people for walking and bicycling disincentivizes these active,
16 affordable, environmentally sustainable ways or appreciating the Golden Gate Bridge and is in
17 opposition to San Francisco and Marin County’s goals of improving air quality, encouraging
18 physical activity and improving public access to our most treasured public landmarks as well
19 as the Bridge District’s own sustainability goals and the State’s significant commitments to cut
20 carbon emissions and lessen traffic congestion; and

21 WHEREAS, The District’s own past studies show that the costs of implementing a
22 bicyclist/pedestrian toll is so high that little net revenue would be raised; and

23 WHEREAS, With declining affordability throughout the Bay Area, efforts to monetize
24 historically accessible public treasures like the Golden Gate Bridge should be rejected in favor
25 of more realistic and fiscally sound revenue measures; and

1 WHEREAS, Assemblymember Phil Ting has introduced Assembly Bill 40 which would
2 prohibit the Golden Gate Bridge District from collecting any tolls for pedestrian and bicyclist
3 use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill 40
5 and urging the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors to remove pedestrian and
6 bicycle tolls from its list of potential revenue generators.

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