

1 [Urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to Halt Action on the Transfer of Credit Card
2 Charges to Taxi Cab Drivers]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to reconsider**
4 **and abandon the decision to shift the burden of credit card merchant charges to the**
5 **city cab drivers.**

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7 WHEREAS, Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), seeks to overturn San Francisco
8 Transportation Code Section 1106 (p)(6), that forbids cab companies from charging cab
9 drivers a fee for the redemption of credit card charges; and,

10 WHEREAS, This change would allow companies to charge city taxi drivers a fee of 5
11 percent for every credit card transaction; and,

12 WHEREAS, Cab drivers will be discouraged to accept credit card payments as a result
13 of the fee-shift; and,

14 WHEREAS, This action will make it more difficult for residents and visitors to use credit
15 cards, placing an unnecessary burden on the population and conflicting with the city's interest
16 in insuring public interest and welfare; and,

17 WHEREAS, The proposed action will make cab drivers more susceptible to robbery
18 and assault as they will be carrying larger amounts of cash, making worse the dangers that
19 cab drivers face and in spite of the fact that cab drivers are victim to the highest homicide rate
20 of workers in the United States; and,

21 WHEREAS, It is unfair to pass legitimate costs of doing business onto workers,
22 creating a financial burden and further limiting opportunities of workers who have no
23 guaranteed wage, no benefits, and no retirement plans; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the MTA and the
2 MTA Commission to reconsider its policy to pass credit card fees to city cab drivers; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
4 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the Director of the
5 Municipal Transportation Agency and the secretary of the San Francisco Municipal
6 Transportation Agency Commission.

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October 13, 2011 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED

October 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar and Mirkarimi

Noes: 4 - Chu, Elsbernd, Farrell and Wiener

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/25/2011 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UN SIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Date Approved

Date: November 4, 2011

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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