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4 WHEREAS, Market Street is San Francisco’s main street, and its primary
5 walking, cycling, and public transit corridor used by tens of thousands of residents and visitors
6 each day; and

7 WHEREAS, recent traffic counts from the Municipal Transportation Agency show that
8 a growing number of San Franciscans are bicycling for transportation, recreation, and health,
9 and that bicycling in the city has increased 12% citywide in the last year alone; and

10 WHEREAS; a 2007 poll shows that 120,000 San Franciscans use a bicycle more than
11 once a week; and

12 WHEREAS, The Market Octavia intersection is a known dangerous condition for
13 bicyclists, where cyclists are routinely hit by automotive traffic making an illegal right turn off
14 of Market Street onto the 101 Freeway Ramp; and

15 WHEREAS, The Market Octavia intersection is also critical for safe and comfortable
16 pedestrian travel in our dense Castro, Hayes Valley, and Mission neighborhoods, and these
17 illegal right turns pose significant danger to pedestrians traveling along Market Street through
18 the intersection; and

19 WHEREAS, The Transit-First Policy of Section 16.102 of the San Francisco City
20 Charter requires that, “[d]ecisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk
21 space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public
22 transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety”; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco successfully pioneered the use of cameras to enforce the
24 prohibition on red-light running and these red-light running cameras have proved successful
25 both as a deterrent for illegal activity and as a means of citing perpetrators; and

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1 WHEREAS, California Assmebly Bill 23 will enable the City and County of San
2 Francisco to employ cameras to catch drivers making illegal right turns onto the Central
3 Freeway from Market Street and Octavia Boulevard; and

4 WHEREAS, These cameras will discourage drivers from making the illegal right turn
5 while also increasing the safety of both pedestrians and bicyclists; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages the California
7 State Assembly to pass Assembly Bill 23 and improve the safety for our City's pedestrians
8 and bicyclists.

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