1   [Supporting the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee to Increase Access to Parking
    for People with Disabilities]
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3   **Resolution supporting the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee**

4   **recommendations to increase access to parking for people with disabilities and reduce**

5   **disabled parking placard misuse.**

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7   WHEREAS, Current disabled parking placard and blue zone policies are failing to

8   increase access for people with disabilities, and reduce parking availability for all drivers; and

9   WHEREAS, San Francisco now has twice as many disabled parking placards as

10 metered spaces, with 67,500 placards issued to San Franciscans compared with 29,200

11 metered spaces and just 700 unmetered on-street blue zones; and

12   WHEREAS, California is just one of five states that requires all jurisdictions to exempt

13 disabled parking placard holders from both meter payment and time limits; and

14   WHEREAS, Legitimate placards are often misused by people they don't belong to,

15 increasing rates of use and reducing available parking for those who need it; and

16   WHEREAS, Placard misuse enforcement has not been able to significantly reduce

17 misuse, even in cities that have had aggressive enforcement programs; and

18   WHEREAS, The City's Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee, a stakeholder

19 group comprised mostly of disability rights advocates, came to a broad consensus on a

20 package of policy recommendations to increase access to parking and reduce disabled

21 parking placard misuse; and

22   WHEREAS, The Committee's recommendations reflect proven solutions from

23 jurisdictions across the country; and

24   WHEREAS, Members of the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee have

25 conducted significant outreach regarding the recommendations; and

1   WHEREAS, On file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 130791 is the

2   Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee Recommendations Report, which is hereby

3   declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

4   WHEREAS, The Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommended a

5   package of recommendations including state and local policy changes; and

6   WHEREAS, The Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommended the

7   following changes under local control: increasing the number of blue zones to the equivalent

8   of four percent of metered spaces, reviewing San Francisco's requirements for blue zone

9   placement, improving disabled parking placard misuse enforcement, conducting enforcement

10   on medical providers who certify placards, and directing any future revenue from metered blue

11   zones to accessibility improvements; and the following other recommendations require

12   change at the state level: improving DMV oversight of placard approvals by tracking and

13   verifying the medical providers who sign placard applications, clarifying placard eligibility

14   requirements without removing any existing criteria, making placard holder photos available to

15   placard enforcement personnel, allowing local jurisdictions with accessible payment options to

16   require parking meter payment for vehicles displaying placards, and allowing jurisdictions the

17   option of establishing placard holder time limits of no shorter than four hours in regular

18   metered spaces and blue zones, and no shorter than 30 minutes in green zones; and

19   WHEREAS, On August 20, 2013, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the

20   SFMTA Board of Directors approved a resolution supporting the full package of Committee

21   recommendations; now, therefore, be it

22   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the Accessible Parking Policy

23   Advisory Committee recommendations to increase access to parking for people with

24   disabilities and reduce disabled parking placard misuse; and, be it

25   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby

1   directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to members of the State legislature

2   representing San Francisco.

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