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RESOLUTION NO. 266-00

1 [Transit Bus Regulations]
 2 SUPPORTING THE RECENT ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR
 3 RESOURCES BOARD REQUIRING TRANSIT AGENCIES TO REPLACE AND RETROFIT
 4 THEIR EXISTING FLEETS WITH BUSES POWERED BY ALTERNATIVE FUELS OR
 5 CLEANER DIESEL TECHNOLOGY AND URGING BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCIES,
 6 SERVING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, TO ADOPT THE ALTERNATIVE
 7 FUEL PATH OF THIS REGULATION WITH STRATEGIC PLANS FOR TIMELY
 8 COMPLIANCE.

9 WHEREAS, Air and water pollution represent significant environmental problems for
 10 the State of California and the City and County of San Francisco; and,

11 WHEREAS, Diesel particulate matter was declared to be a Toxic Air Contaminant by
 12 the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and diesel exhaust has been listed as a known
 13 carcinogen under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Prop 65)
 14 since 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, 22 transit districts in California and 87 transit districts nationally have been
 16 successful in incorporating natural gas fueled buses into their transit systems; and

17 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and the City of Oakland passed
 18 resolutions calling for the elimination of dioxin pollution in the Bay Area; and

19 WHEREAS, Diesel combustion emits dioxin in addition to over 40 other chemicals
 20 listed by California and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as toxic air
 21 contaminants, probable human carcinogens, known human carcinogens, reproductive
 22 toxicants or endocrine disrupters; and

23 WHEREAS, Particulate matter from transit buses is a health risk for drivers,
 24 passengers and residents of San Francisco, especially in densely populated urban corridors;
 25 and,

1 WHEREAS, Although our growing national dependence on foreign oil suppliers has
2 impacts on economics, public policy and national energy security, the transportation sector
3 remains 97% dependent on petroleum, while domestic energy alternatives such as natural
4 gas, propane and ethanol provide protection from future price spikes and superior emissions
5 performance; and,

6 WHEREAS, On July 10th, 1999 the EPA redesignated the San Francisco Bay Area
7 from maintenance to non-attainment for the Federal one-hour ozone standard; and

8 WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board recently adopted a set of regulations
9 to further reduce air pollution from the most populated areas of the State; and

10 WHEREAS, These regulations will move forward in several steps over the next ten
11 years, requiring cleaner engines, cleaner diesel fuel, and retrofit to reduce exhaust emissions
12 in older diesel buses; and

13 WHEREAS, The new mandate also encourages transit agencies to incorporate low-
14 emission alternative fuels such as compressed or liquefied natural gas, propane, electricity or
15 other advanced technology; and

16 WHEREAS, Transit buses are federally subsidized at approximately 80%, the
17 purchase of new cleaner, buses will not adversely affect transit service; and

18 WHEREAS, Natural gas buses would allow the Bay Area to improve its worsening air
19 quality; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 supports the recent regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board, requiring
22 transit agencies to replace and retrofit their transit fleets with buses powered by alternative
23 fuels or cleaner diesel technology; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco urges Bay Area transit agencies, serving the City and County of San Francisco to
3 adopt the alternative fuel path of this regulation with strategic plans for timely compliance
4 with these new regulations.

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Resolution supporting the recent adoption of regulations by the California Air Resources Board requiring transit agencies to replace and retrofit their existing fleets with buses powered by alternative fuels and cleaner diesel technology and urging Bay Area Transit agencies, serving the City and County of San Francisco, to adopt the alternative fuel path of this regulation with strategic plans for timely compliance.

November 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

November 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Transportation and Land Use Committee

March 20, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SUBSTITUTED

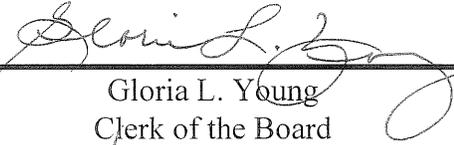
April 3, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 3 - Bierman, Brown, Yaki

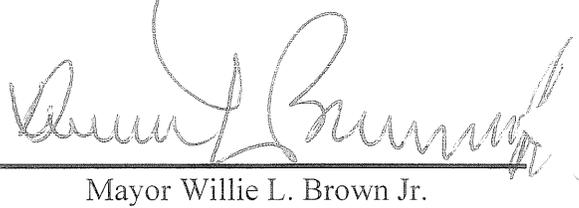
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 3, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.