

1 [Urging Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Grant the Police Department to Install Gunshot  
2 Tracking Technology on Their Telephone and Power Poles Throughout San Francisco]

3 **Resolution urging Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to grant the Police**  
4 **Department the ability to install gunshot tracking technology on PG&E telephone and**  
5 **power poles throughout San Francisco without charge for the purpose of furthering**  
6 **community policing and curbing gun violence.**

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8 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a major national and local concern and statistics show that  
9 there were more than 51,000 separate incidents of gunfire in 2013, many of them occurring in  
10 metropolitan cities, like San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Police  
12 Department are spearheading innovative efforts to curb gun violence, which include the use of  
13 technology to track gunfire by location; and

14 WHEREAS, This gunfire tracking technology allows the San Francisco Police  
15 Department to locate shootings within 40 feet of where the shooting occurred and respond  
16 immediately; and

17 WHEREAS, The ability to track and respond to gunfire in a timely fashion is critical to  
18 public safety; and

19 WHEREAS, If the San Francisco Police Department were to rely exclusively on 911  
20 call reports by residents, only 10 to 20 percent of the actual gunfire incidents would be  
21 tracked, but by increasing this gun tracking technology, the remaining 80 to 90 percent of  
22 gunfire not reported by residents would be captured; and

23 WHEREAS, The gunfire tracking technology also creates a mechanism of  
24 accountability within the San Francisco Police Department, as it is expected to respond to all  
25 reported incidents of gunfire in a timely fashion; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2008, the San Francisco Police Department began implementing this  
2 technology in areas of the city with the highest levels of gun violence, including parts of  
3 Bayview–Hunters Point, Western Addition and the Mission, and an expansion of the project  
4 was approved by the San Francisco Police Department in 2013 to cover a larger portion of  
5 San Francisco; and

6           WHEREAS, As part of this expansion, the San Francisco Police Department has  
7 partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and the San Francisco Public Utilities  
8 Commission to install the tracking technology upon rooftops and on PUC light poles; and

9           WHEREAS, The final portion of this expansion requires the use of PG&E poles, and  
10 this expansion has been stalled, largely due to unexpectedly high fees by PG&E related to the  
11 installation of the technology on their poles; and

12           WHEREAS, Other municipalities and their respective police departments around the  
13 country are using the same gunfire tracking technology, and are receiving support from the  
14 local utilities agency to install the tracking technology on light and telephone poles without  
15 cost; and

16           WHEREAS, The gunfire tracking technology is most effective when installed in high  
17 places, such as light poles; and

18           WHEREAS, The PUC made their light poles available in identified expansion  
19 neighborhoods with no installation cost; and

20           WHEREAS, PG&E gains significant profits from the residents of the City and County of  
21 San Francisco, and the company has the opportunity to help curb gun violence; and

22           WHEREAS, Public safety and the safety of our communities is of the utmost  
23 importance to a healthy and vibrant city; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Pacific Gas and Electric  
2 Company to allow the San Francisco Police Department to install gunfire tracking technology  
3 on PG&E telephone and power poles at no cost; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
5 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

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