1   [Resolution Requesting Police Department to End Vehicle Impounding]

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4   **Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department to temporarily cease the**

   **impoundment of vehicles for lack of a California Driver's License, pending City**
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   **Attorney review of current law.**
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        WHEREAS, In <u>Miranda v. City of Cornelius</u> and <u>People v. Williams</u>, the courts have
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   ruled as unconstitutional the impoundment of vehicles on the sole charge of driving without a
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   license, citing a violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments;
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        WHEREAS, Such jurisdictions as Sonoma County and The City of Los Angeles have
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   imposed moratoriums on impounding the vehicles of unlicensed drivers; and,
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        WHEREAS, The impoundment of vehicles creates a disproportionate impact on the
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   poor, on racial and ethnic minorities, and on undocumented residents; and,
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        WHEREAS, Cars are vital for family transportation, without which those individuals
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   cannot get to work, school, church or for shopping; and,
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        WHEREAS, Vehicles are impounded regardless of whether public safety is at risk; and
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        WHEREAS, An impounded vehicle is often community property and it is unfair to the
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   non-driving spouse to deprive them of his or her property; and
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        WHEREAS, Vehicle impound fees impose an immense financial burden upon those
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   people that are least able to afford it; and,
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        RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
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   hereby requests that San Francisco Police Department temporarily suspend vehicle
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   impoundment for lack of a California driver's license pending City Attorney review; and
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Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

1    FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San

2   Francisco requests that the City Attorney review all applicable laws and counsel the Board as

3   to whether vehicle impound is required where the sole issue is lack of a valid driver's license

4   and where there is no risk to public safety.

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