

1 [Comprehensive Bicycle Theft Prevention and Recovery Policy]

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3 **Resolution urging for the creation of a comprehensive bicycle theft prevention and**
4 **recovery policy, for the Municipal Transportation Agency to develop and quickly**
5 **implement short and medium term strategies to greatly expand bicycle parking in San**
6 **Francisco, and for the Police Department to standardize best practices and implement**
7 **a voluntary bicycle registration program.**

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9 WHEREAS, While bicycling continues to grow as a mode of transportation in San
10 Francisco, bicycle theft is a major deterrent; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA),
12 approximately 75,000 trips are made by bicycle each day in San Francisco, a 71 percent
13 increase since 2006; and

14 WHEREAS, The SFMTA has just 3,000 on-street bike racks to accommodate the
15 75,000 bicycle trips made every day; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and the Bay
17 Area Rapid Transit Police Department (BART Police), bicycle thefts have increased by 70.2
18 percent from 2006 through 2012, which is nearly equal to the approximately 71 percent
19 increase in bicycle mode share for the same years; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Center for Problem Oriented
21 Policing, for every one bicycle reported stolen, another four (or more) may have occurred, a
22 400 percent increase over those reported; and

23 WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst Office of the San Francisco Board of
24 Supervisors estimates that in 2012 there were an estimated 4,085 bicycle thefts at a value of
25 bicycles stolen in San Francisco in 2012 is \$4.6 million; and

1 WHEREAS, When parts of bicycles are stolen in public places in San Francisco and
2 then abandoned, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for removing those
3 bicycles, costing the City \$192,465 from 2006 through 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, The SFPD released only 16.4 percent of the total bicycles recovered in
5 2012; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to develop and quickly
7 implement short and medium term strategies to greatly expand bicycle parking in San
8 Francisco; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
10 SFPD to standardize best practices within the Department and to implement a voluntary
11 bicycle registration program; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City strives for a 50 percent reduction in bicycle
13 thefts by August 2018 and that the Board of Supervisors will hold annual hearings on the
14 progress of the bicycle theft prevention and recovery efforts.

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