

1 [Urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to Halt Action on the Transfer of Credit Card
2 Charges from Taxi Cab Companies to Taxi Cab Drivers]

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4 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to reconsider**
5 **and abandon the decision to shift the burden of credit card merchant charges from taxi**
6 **cab companies to the city cab drivers.**

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8 WHEREAS, Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), seeks to overturn San Francisco
9 Transportation Code Section 1106 (p)(6), that forbids cab companies from charging cab
10 drivers a fee for the redemption of credit card charges; and,

11 WHEREAS, This change would allow companies to charge city taxi drivers a fee of 5
12 percent for every credit card transaction; and,

13 WHEREAS, Cab drivers will be discouraged to accept credit card payments as a result
14 of the fee-shift; and,

15 WHEREAS, This action will make it more difficult for residents and visitors to use credit
16 cards, placing an unnecessary burden on the population and conflicting with the city's interest
17 in insuring public interest and welfare; and,

18 WHEREAS, The proposed action will make cab drivers more susceptible to robbery
19 and assault as they will be carrying larger amounts of cash, making worse the dangers that
20 cab drivers face and in spite of the fact that cab drivers are victim to the highest homicide rate
21 of workers in the United States; and,

22 WHEREAS, It is unfair for companies to pass legitimate costs of doing business onto
23 workers, creating a financial burden and further limiting opportunities of workers who have no
24 guaranteed wage, no benefits, and no retirement plans; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the MTA and the
2 MTA Commission to reconsider its policy allowing companies to pass credit card fees to city
3 cab drivers or force cab drivers to set up personal merchant accounts; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the Director of the
6 Municipal Transportation Agency and the secretary of the San Francisco Municipal
7 Transportation Agency Commission.

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