

FILE NO. 070602

RESOLUTION NO.

263-07

1 [Resolution in Support of High Speed Rail.]
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3 **Resolution in support of a High Speed Rail Line between San Francisco and Los**
4 **Angeles.**
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6 WHEREAS, The High Speed Rail Authority has made significant progress and won
7 enthusiastic support throughout the State since it began its work in 1996 – support from cities
8 such as Anaheim, Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Angeles, Merced, Oakland, Sacramento, San
9 Diego, San Jose, and San Francisco, as well as from major environmental, labor, business,
10 transportation and other organizations, and any delay in its work will make High Speed Rail
11 much more costly; and

12 WHEREAS, High Speed Rail (HSR) could carry passengers between San Francisco
13 and Los Angeles in about two and a half hours in more comfort and safety and in less time
14 than it takes to travel to and from and check in and out at airports – as well as giving travelers
15 the choice of quick trips between other southern, central and northern California cities, thus
16 relieving highway and airport congestion in a state in which the population is expected to grow
17 by 12 million to a 50 million total by 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, High Speed Rail will be a major weapon against air pollution and global
19 warming as it uses much less energy per passenger than cars and airplanes and HSR will be
20 even more essential if, as expected, petroleum supplies diminish in the future – and its
21 success has already been demonstrated in Japan, Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy,
22 Sweden, Australia, China, and other countries and High Speed Rail is under construction in
23 North Africa, Turkey, Mexico and South America; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors asks the California State
25 Legislature and Governor to give full support to establishing High Speed Rail at the earliest

Supervisors Ammiano, Jew
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 possible date --fully funding High Speed Rail in the budget for the coming year and giving
2 voters an opportunity to support High Speed Rail through the bond issue scheduled for the
3 November 2008 election.

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May 8, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on May 8, 2007 by the Board
of Supervisors of the City and County of San
Francisco.

MAY 18 2007

Date Approved

Kay Gulbengay

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Interim Clerk of the Board
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Mayor Gavin Newsom