

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to approve legislative bill number SB 521: Transit  
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4 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to approve SB 521: Transit Village**  
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8 WHEREAS, The Transit Village Planning Act of 1994 and the Community Development  
9 Law govern the processes required to create transit villages and to designate certain areas as  
10 blighted and therefore appropriate for redevelopment;

11 WHEREAS, According to State law, a Transit Village is a neighborhood centered  
12 around a transit station that is planned and designed so that residents, workers, shoppers,  
13 and others find it convenient and attractive to utilize public transit; and,

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Transit First City that as a matter of policy must  
15 promote transit as the first transportation choice for its residents and visitors; and,

16 WHEREAS, In addition to increased transit use, a Transit Village can reduce traffic  
17 congestion, improve air quality, increase the amount of affordable housing, promote  
18 pedestrian safety and increase tax revenue; and,

19 WHEREAS, A definition of blight is used to designate redevelopment areas, which  
20 provide additional tax revenue for the development of housing; and,

21 WHEREAS, SB 521 makes it easier to create transit villages by broadening the  
22 definition of blight to include areas near transit stations; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to  
24 pass SB 521, thus facilitating the creation of housing in areas surrounding transit stations.

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