

File No. 130256

Committee Item No. 4

Board Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed by: Alisa Miller Date May 31, 2013

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1 [Urging the California State Legislature to Adopt Legislation Allowing Local Jurisdictions  
2 Greater Flexibility to Amend the Fire Code]

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4 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt legislation allowing local**  
5 **jurisdictions flexibility to amend local fire code street width standards in order to**  
6 **maximize pedestrian and bicyclist safety goals.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a dense, built out urban environment; and

9 WHEREAS, Pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities are an epidemic on the city's  
10 streets; and

11 WHEREAS, Poor street design, including wide avenues and thoroughfares that induce  
12 high vehicular speed, is partly responsible for San Francisco's high pedestrian and bicyclist  
13 injury rates; and

14 WHEREAS, Narrower streets reduce the exposure of pedestrians crossing the street,  
15 which is especially important for seniors and the disabled; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Transit First City with various polices, initiatives, and  
17 implementation projects aimed at enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

18 WHEREAS, Maximizing life safety for all, including pedestrians, cyclists, and residents  
19 in their homes and businesses is a top policy priority for the City; and

20 WHEREAS, The State Fire Code elevates the life safety concerns of those in buildings  
21 over those walking or riding on our public streets; and

22 WHEREAS, The State Fire Code, adopted by reference in San Francisco, establishes  
23 a minimum 20 feet of unobstructed street width on all streets; and

24 WHEREAS, Many of San Francisco's existing streets do not meet this standard; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Certain street safety improvements can be made that reduce street width  
2 to less than 20 feet without precluding emergency vehicle access; and

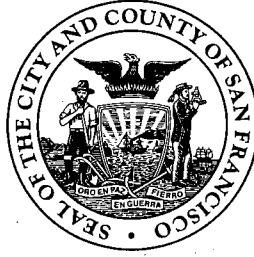
3           WHEREAS, Any attempt to implement pedestrian and bicyclist safety enhancements  
4 that reduce street width to less than 20 feet is non-compliant with the State Fire Code; and

5           WHEREAS, The State Fire Code precludes local jurisdictions from balancing conflicting  
6 needs in order to maximize life safety for all; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State legislature to  
8 adopt legislation to allow local jurisdictions to reduce the minimum street width standard in  
9 their local fire code.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mohammed Nuru, Director, Department of Public Works  
John Rahaim, Director, Planning Department  
Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Fire Department

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee  
Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 25, 2013

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on March 12, 2013:

**File No. 130256**

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt legislation allowing local jurisdictions flexibility to amend local fire code street width standards in order to maximize pedestrian and bicyclist safety goals.

This matter is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes. If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Frank Lee, Department of Public Works  
Scott Sanchez, Planning Department  
Sarah Jones, Planning Department  
AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department  
Monica Pereira, Planning Department  
Joy Navarrete, Planning Department  
Kelly Alves, Fire Department

# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee.  
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [ ] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
- 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
- 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.
- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [ ]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a Imperative**

**Sponsor(s):**

Supervisor Wiener; Supervisor Yee

**Subject:**

Urging the California State Legislature to Adopt Legislation Allowing Local Jurisdictions Greater Flexibility to Amend the Fire Code

**The text is listed below or attached:**

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

For Clerk's Use Only:

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