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Subject: FW: AV proposal #251117

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 10:19:45 AM

Hello,

Please see below communication regarding File No. 251117:

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and the Governor of California to allow local communities the right to vote on whether autonomous vehicles can operate in their counties.

Regards,

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From: Dylan Sather <dylan.sather@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:13 PM

Subject: Re: AV proposal #251117

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I'm a D9 resident and 15-year resident of SF. I'm vehemently against the proposal Supervisor Fielder et al raised to encourage the state to give local control over AVs. Not only should we completely reject it as a city, I'd hope the Board offers a counter-proposal to more-rapidly deploy AVs in critical areas of the city so we can actually save lives.

I used to live on Cortland Ave, on the block where Binod Budhathoki was killed. That kind of reckless driving happens every day on Cortland, especially at night or early morning. Everyone on Cortland has their own story of almost being hit.

That death, and 40,000 more every year in the US, are caused by *human* drivers. Vision Zero has had such little impact because it's working around the margins and not addressing the core problems. Everything in the Civil Grand Jury report is clear to any SF resident who's ever driven or walked in the city.

AVs don't drive recklessly. As a pedestrian / runner, I feel safe every time I cross the street with a Waymo at the intersection. But I've almost been hit by human drivers more times than I can count. Humans are simply terrible drivers, and we should continue embracing technology to encourage the deployment of both Level 5 AVs and additional automated safety features in human-driven vehicles. After the incident with the N Judah driver falling asleep at the wheel, I wish we'd invest in more autonomous control over MUNI, too.

So I'm angry and frustrated that Supervisor Fielder wants to restrict AVs in San Francisco. It's a performative proposal, unlikely to have any real impact in Sacramento, and it's completely divorced from the reality of traffic safety. You all should do better for your citizens — we simply don't want to die.

Thanks, Dylan