

1 [Supporting AB799 – Local vehicle license fee: San Francisco.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California**
4 **to support Assembly Bill 799 (AB799), introduced by Assemblymember Mark Leno, the**
5 **“Local vehicle license fee for San Francisco”**

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7 WHEREAS, Local governments bear a majority of the costs created by vehicles,
8 including law enforcement, infrastructure maintenance and public health needs; and,

9 WHEREAS, The revenues collected from the Vehicle License Fee are distributed to
10 local governments to pay for a variety of programs, including public health, human and social
11 services, public safety programs, general administration, law enforcement, planning,
12 infrastructure maintenance and realignment funds; and,

13 WHEREAS, As a major metropolitan area with approximately 440,000 vehicles, the
14 City and County of San Francisco receives a substantial amount of revenue from the Vehicle
15 License Fee; and,

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco depend on the stable disbursement
17 of Vehicle License Fee funds from the State of California for effective operation; and,

18 WHEREAS, Revenues generated by The Vehicle Licensing Fee had historically been
19 set at a rate of 2% and dedicated to Cities and Counties but was cut to .67% in 2003; and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s revenue has been further diminished in recent years due
21 to settlements of lawsuits and state preemptions on progressive revenue generation; and,

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s California State Assemblymember Mark Leno has
23 introduced AB799, which would provide the City and County of San Francisco with
24 authorizing language to introduce a local option for the Vehicle License Fee; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The Proposal would remove the preemption for the City and County of
2 San Francisco, which would enable The Board of Supervisors to initiate a process to enact an
3 additional fee of 1.33 percent of the market value of the vehicle beyond the State 0.67
4 percent rate; and,

5 WHEREAS, AB799 would not enact a local Vehicle License Fee but would allow the
6 Board of Supervisors to put the measure to the voters for majority approval; and,

7 WHEREAS, The motorist would be charged a maximum of 2 percent, the same rate
8 charged by the State of California for the Vehicle License Fee from 1948 to 1998; and,

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Transit First City per section 16.102 of the City
10 Charter; and,

11 WHEREAS, This 2 percent Vehicle License fee would generate \$64 million dollars
12 annually for San Francisco; and,

13 WHEREAS, San Mateo County has received a special dispensation for a vehicle
14 license fee and is currently using the revenue to fund traffic related programs; and,

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco is in dire need of new revenues to replenish those which
16 have been made unavailable by other means; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California
18 Legislature to follow Assemblymember Leno's lead and affirmatively pass AB799; and; be it,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
20 Governor of the State of California to sign AB799 when it reaches his desk.



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April 12, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 12, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

4/15/2005
Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board
Gavin Newsom
Mayor Gavin Newsom