

1 [Juror parking and relocation of San Francisco’s towing contractor’s parking and PUC  
2 Streetlight Maintenance Yard.]

3 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Public**  
4 **Utilities Commission (PUC) to cooperatively assist the Department of Parking and**  
5 **Traffic in providing parking for San Franciscans summoned to jury duty at the Hall of**  
6 **Justice, supporting relocation of the towed vehicle storage site for the City and County**  
7 **of San Francisco’s towing contractor from 481 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the PUC Streetlight**  
8 **Maintenance Yard at 639 Bryant Street and endorsing the relocation of the PUC**  
9 **Streetlight Maintenance Yard operations to a site approved by the PUC.**

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11 WHEREAS, San Franciscans who are reporting for jury duty at the Hall of Justice have  
12 no dedicated parking available and, if unable to utilize public transportation, must seek out  
13 parking in short-term metered spots or in expensive, privately owned parking lots; and

14 WHEREAS, The City has an easement on a parcel of Caltrans owned land adjacent to  
15 the Hall of Justice (481 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 3759, Lot 40), which land provides a short-term  
16 towed vehicle storage area for the City’s towing contractor; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) owns a parcel of  
18 land at 639 Bryant Street (Block 3777, Lot 52), (the “Streetlight Maintenance Yard”), where  
19 PUC currently houses staff, vehicles and supplies to maintain over 20,000 streetlights  
20 throughout San Francisco; and,

21 WHEREAS, This PUC activity could be relocated to another area of the City where  
22 such relocation would not negatively effect the operations of the Streetlight Maintenance Yard  
23 and allow the City to better utilize this piece of property for public purpose; and,

24 WHEREAS, A site well suited for relocation of the PUC Streetlight Maintenance Yard  
25 and agreeable to the PUC staff shall be identified and secured; and,

1 WHEREAS, Two such potential sites have been identified and the Department of  
2 Parking and Traffic (the “Department”) shall continue to investigate other relocation sites  
3 agreeable to the PUC; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Department has identified the PUC Streetlight Maintenance Yard as a  
5 desirable location for the City’s towing contractor’s short-term, towed vehicle storage, thus  
6 freeing up the 481 7<sup>th</sup> Street site for needed public and juror parking; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Department is exploring the possibility of utilizing mechanical garage  
8 technology for the City’s towing contractor’s short-term towed vehicle storage as a  
9 mechanical garage may be ideally suited for such purpose as mechanical garages:

- 10 • Decrease required garage footprint up to sixty percent as compared to  
11 conventional garages while storing the same number of vehicles, thereby  
12 reducing greatly the amount of public land used for storage of automobiles by  
13 the City and County of San Francisco
- 14 • Are comparatively inexpensive to construct and operate
- 15 • Provide greater protection from vehicle damage and break-ins than a  
16 conventional garage; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Department has also identified the Streetlight Maintenance Yard site as an  
18 ideal site for completely centralized, convenient “one-stop shopping” for San Franciscans who  
19 need to conduct any and all transactions with the Department’s Enforcement, RPP and/or  
20 Citation Divisions, including payment for and retrieval of towed vehicles; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2000, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 540-  
22 00, “URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ACT WITH ALL DUE HASTE IN  
23 EXPANDING PARKING OPPORTUNITIES AT 5<sup>th</sup> AND BRANNAN STREETS, WITH A  
24 PORTION OF THIS PARKING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR JURORS”; now,  
25 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 does hereby urge the Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco Public Utilities  
3 Commission and the Department of Parking and Traffic to continue to pursue the relocation  
4 of the PUC Streetlight Maintenance Yard and the relocation of the City’s towed vehicle  
5 storage to 639 Bryant Street in order to provide juror parking at 481 7<sup>th</sup> Street and to  
6 maximize the efficiency of use of City owned and leased lands; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the  
8 Department of Parking and Traffic to further research and plan for the construction of a  
9 mechanical garage for towed vehicle storage and a “one-stop” Department of Parking and  
10 Traffic services building for the increased efficiency of the Department’s services and the  
11 benefit and convenience of San Francisco’s residents, merchants and visitors.

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