

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 1871 (Jones), a bill to amend state car insurance laws to allow
2 personal vehicles to be used in car-sharing programs]

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7 WHEREAS, Car-sharing is a membership service that provides 24-hour access and
8 use of automobiles for short periods of time, often by the hour; and

9 WHEREAS, Because occasional use of a shared vehicle costs significantly less than
10 car ownership, carsharing makes vehicles more accessible to low-income households; and,

11 WHEREAS, Car-sharing can also help reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and
12 ultimately the need to manufacture as many new automobiles; and,

13 WHEREAS, Vehicles in car-sharing programs tend to be small, fuel-efficient and carry
14 several people, reducing the use of gasoline as well as the need for parking spaces; and,

15 WHEREAS, Car-sharing programs have been successful in densely populated areas
16 such as city centers and university campuses; and,

17 WHEREAS, Car-sharing organizations would like to expand their pools of vehicles by
18 using cars owned by individuals during times when they are not using them; and,

19 WHEREAS, Because private vehicle owners would receive some money for the use of
20 their car, this could constitute commercial use, and thereby invalidate the private individual's
21 insurance coverage; and,

22 WHEREAS, The use of privately owned vehicles also raises liability issues when being
23 used by someone other than the vehicle's owner; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Existing law does not consider the use of an insured motor vehicle to
2 provide volunteer services for nonprofit charitable organizations or governmental agencies to
3 be commercial use; and,

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1871 would extend this protection to personal vehicle
5 sharing; and,

6 WHEREAS, The bill also protects against liability of the car owner's insurance
7 company and places responsibility on the personal vehicle sharing program and its insurer;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, A copy of AB 1871 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
10 File No. , which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;
11 and, now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill
13 1871 (Jones) and urges its passage and enactment by the Governor; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor with
15 a request that he transmit copies to the members of the state legislative delegation
16 representing San Francisco.

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