

## Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Support: File No. 220886 to Remove 3rd Party Dispatch from Taxi Upfront Fare

Fil 220886

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Subject: Support: File No. 220886 to Remove 3rd Party Dispatch from Taxi Upfront Fare

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Dear Supervisors,

Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Uber's business model is based on lawbreaking, colluding with regulators to conceal collision data, poorly vetting drivers, exploiting drivers, flooding city streets with polluting and congesting cars that interfere with and compete with transit (public buses, rail, and taxis), and underselling its product to lure passengers away from transit. In fact, Uber's 2019 IPO explicitly regards transit riders as targets for its marketing, our climate emergency notwithstanding.

The current status has NOT been properly vetted by stakeholders —including the Mayor's Disability Council, the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, and the Paratransit Coordinating Council – let alone a variety of environmental and labor advocacy organizations.

There are a host of other issues that MUST be addressed to ensure proper oversight of agencies, and allow sufficient input from the public.

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Steuer  
district 9

## Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Setting Fares file #220886

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**Subject:** Setting Fares file #220886

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**Subject: Setting Fares file #22886**

Dear Members of the Board,

As a senior with a demonstrable mobility problem, I am concerned that there is consideration of a program that might even further impede the functioning of our diminished taxi program.

It is clear that the ride-sharing platforms have severely undermined the taxi business. At night I find it nearly impossible to find a cab either downtown, in the theater district, or on the Embarcadero. Yellow Cab does not even respond to calls.

Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution to keep third party operators from using the established rate and assignment mechanisms may help keep the taxi industry afloat. I urge you to support Supervisor Chan's resolution.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kelly, chair  
Retired Division, United Educators of SF

7040 Geary Boulevard  
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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:21 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Correction: Re: Support: File Number 220886

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**Subject:** Correction: Re: Support: File Number 220886

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Ms. Somera,

Please include this correct email in File Number 220886:

Support: File No. 220886, Urging the removal of third-party/Uber dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the SFMTA rescind the third-party (Uber) dispatch portion of the Taxi Upfront Fare program. Third-party/Uber dispatch empowers Uber to begin the takeover of the SF taxi industry. This program was quickly and sloppily approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors on April 5, 2022. The six members who approved the program did not demonstrate adequate concern for impacts to people who rely on cab access and may now be put in competition for cab rides with people who hail Ubers. They also did not consider the long-term consequences of giving up charter-mandated power to set taxi meter rates to a private, for-profit global company that is a notorious corporate bad actor -- Uber. Is this really the only way to save the cab industry, by turning it over to a company that has global monopoly and the privatization and deregulation of transit as its goal? What about the planet? What about our global climate emergency? What about income inequality and the collapse of democracies? Monopolies are a threat to all of these. Do not doubt that Uber seeks monopoly -- it has publicly stated that it wants every taxi on the planet on its platform by 2025, and in its IPO it states that it seeks to lure public transportation passengers away from transit and into Ubers. At the same time, it is exploiting its drivers, colluding with regulators to hide collision data, performing weak background checks of drivers (it is now being sued by 550 Jane Does for alleged sexual assault on the part of Uber drivers in San Francisco Superior Court), and collecting data. Collecting data. What is going to do with the data? Determine how low cab drivers are willing to go to get a fare? Determine how much passengers are willing to pay to get a cab -- especially if mass transit is further crippled by Uber and Lyft?

Is there really no other way to help revive the cab industry aside from turning over the power to determine fares to Uber? I don't believe that, and I hope you do not either. How about advertising?

Susan Vaughan  
District 1

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:** Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: File Number 220886: SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council resolution opposing Third-Party (TNC) Dispatch  
**Attachments:** 7-7-22\_recommendations\_letter Resolution Opposing Third-Party (TNC-Uber) Dispatch.pdf

For 220886

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**Subject:** File Number 220886: SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council resolution opposing Third-Party (TNC) Dispatch

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Dear Ms. Somera.

Please include this SFMTA CAC resolution in the packet for File Number 220886 for Thursday, September 29, 2022. It is attached. Thank you.

Sue Vaughan





Citizens' Advisory Council  
Michael Chen, Chair  
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July 8, 2022

SFMTA Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
One South Van Ness Avenue, Seventh Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103-5417

Re: SFMTA CAC Recommendation

Dear Directors:

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on July 7, 2022, the Council considered the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 220707.02

WHEREAS the San Francisco Planning Department has recently issued a report highlighting the socio-economic and environmental problems associated with transportation network companies (TNCs, e.g., Uber and Lyft), including the exacerbation of the global climate emergency and widening divisions between those who can afford ride hail services and those who cannot;

WHEREAS Uber is a financially failing company propped up by investments from various funds, including the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund, making Uber an extension of the fossil fuel industry;

WHEREAS 59% of San Franciscans who voted in the November 2020 election voted NO on Proposition 22 to convert Uber and Lyft drivers, among others, from employees with benefits ranging from minimum hourly pay and Workmen's Compensation to private contractors;

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter requires the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to ensure "roads that are not gridlocked with congestion;"

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter requires the SFMTA to provide “A transportation sector that promotes environmental sustainability and does not contribute to global warming;”

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter gives the SFMTA “exclusive authority over taxi-related functions and taxi-related fares, fees, charges, budgets, and personnel that it has over the Municipal Railway;”

WHEREAS the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program requires the SFMTA to give up the power to regulate taxi meter fares for all cab rides booked through third-party dispatch systems and to transfer that power to the third-party dispatch companies;

WHEREAS Uber has stated that it has a goal of having all taxis globally on its platform by 2025, thereby converting all taxi drivers globally into Uber contract gig workers;

WHEREAS TNC participation is not an essential component of the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program; therefore, be it;

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens’ Advisory Council urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to remove third-party (TNC) dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Sincerely,



For

Michael Chen, Chair  
SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council

cc: SFMTA Citizens’ Advisory Council

## Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: File 220886 to Remove Third Party Dispatch from Taxi Fare Pilot Program

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

For File 220886

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**Subject:** File 220886 to Remove Third Party Dispatch from Taxi Fare Pilot Program

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Support: File No. 220886, *Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program*

Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. I felt the MTA slide presentation was sketchy at best. For such a "Pilot" program, I expected a detailed Action Plan discussing / outlining Goals, Consequences, "What Ifs" , measures of success and failure. I did not realize only technologically qualified cell phone users had access. I do not have a cell phone, rely on a land line so by definition I am excluded from Taxi utilization in a unique situation.

I suspect Uber's motive is to collect free market research data on travel demand for eventually autonomous taxis. Currently, WAYMO (Google) sponsors the Moving Mobility Forward Study to gather daily data on participants transportation needs. WAYMO is paying participants for the participation data. The website is: <https://movingmobilityforward.com/>

Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor from inception. A recent Associated Press article cites: "Washington: As Uber aggressively pushes into markets around the world, the ride-sharing service lobbies political leaders to relax labor and taxi laws, used a "kill switch" to thwart regulators and law enforcement, channeled money through Bermuda and other tax havens and considered portraying violence against its drivers as a way to gain public sympathy, according a report released Sunday .... lobbyists pressed government officials to drop investigations, rewrite labor laws and taxi laws and relax background checks on drivers....."  
The California Public Utility Commission oversee ridesharing rather than local government.

Government should not engage with a Corporate entity that historically disregards integrity and is a bad actor fueling selfish actions.

Remove Uber from the Third Party Dispatch program.

Edward Mason,  
District 8

an exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,  
Your name  
District



August 25th, 2022

**RE: File No. 220886**

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of San Francisco County:

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), supports Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Our organization represents over 1 million Seniors and their families throughout California with a strong, well organized contingent residing in San Francisco. As such, we believe that empowering Uber to begin to take over the local taxi business, and set fares for all taxis dispatched through the Uber app, will negatively impact the needs of the people we represent. Many retired workers are seniors who do not have smartphones. They are elderly and depend on cab service for medical appointments, to run errands, and for outings. They book cabs in the traditional manner, with landlines. If Uber is permitted to dispatch cabs through its app, the people we represent will find themselves in competition with a vast number of people with the Uber app, and they may be without reliable service. And if Uber prices are surging, taxi drivers will have a financial incentive to prioritize Uber rides over traditional rides, leaving seniors who rely on telephone dispatch stranded.

Additionally, we are aware that Uber is, in general, a bad corporate actor. Its profit model is based on competition with public transportation (including locally regulated cabs) leading to the exploitation of its drivers, and exacerbation of our global climate emergency. At one time San Francisco had the greenest cab fleet in the nation – all cabs were hybrids or compressed natural gas. But the progress that had been made towards cleaner air and achieving our local climate emergency goals has been undermined by transportation network companies. Pollution is bad for the people we represent!

Moreover, a June 30, 2022 memo from San Francisco Planning Department staff to San Francisco Planning Commissioners noted:

Without further government intervention, it is unlikely San Francisco will meet its safety, equity, and climate goals. Given TNCs' tendency to increase vehicle travel, we will instead see more cars on the road, which will have dire consequences on air quality, health, economic prosperity, and safety. Additionally, technology-based transportation services will be available for a select segment of

able-bodied people who can afford them, which will compound the socioeconomic divisions and inequities that we see today.

Given the impact on the elderly, people with disabilities, and disadvantaged communities, the known misbehavior of the corporation that is seeking profit from local cabs, and the fact that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will actually give up its charter power to set taxi meter rates to Uber for all cabs booked through the Uber app, CARA strongly opposes the pilot program and supports Supervisor Chan's resolution.

Sincerely,



Hene Kelly  
Chair, Legislative Committee  
California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)



Keith Umemoto  
Co-Chair, Legislative Committee  
California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)



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August 22, 2022

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San Francisco City Hall

**Support** -- File No.: 220886; Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

The Sierra Club supports File Number 220886, a resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to remove third-party (transportation network company/Uber) dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot program.

Moreover, the Sierra Club supports the institution of a municipally run central dispatch system so that there is no need for third-party dispatch, using whatever technology would work best to establish that dispatch. In this way, people could hail the cab that is closest to them, no matter the taxi cab company -- potentially reducing vehicle miles traveled.

The Sierra Club also urges the promotion of our local taxi industry, which at one time had the greenest taxi fleet in the nation -- all cabs were either hybrids or compressed natural gas.

Sincerely,

**Becky Evans**

Chair, Executive Committee  
The San Francisco Group



**Resolution Condemning the Use of Taxis to Transport Uber Passengers at Unregulated Rates and Supporting San Francisco Board of Supervisors File No. 220886, Urging the SFMTA to Remove Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program**

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2022, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Board amended the Transportation Code to remove a requirement that fares in a forthcoming Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program be based on the taximeter rate; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Transportation Code change was to allow third party entities that are not regulated by the SFMTA to participate in the Pilot Program and charge fares for taxi rides that will not be based on taximeter rates; and

WHEREAS, The only third party entity currently participating is Uber, and once the Pilot Program begins, participating taxi drivers will be included in Uber's pool of drivers to provide rides to Uber's passengers at Uber's rates, which may be lower than taximeter rates or higher through surge pricing, and out of which Uber will deduct a service fee percentage; and

WHEREAS, To San Francisco taxi drivers, the taximeter rate represents a sacred trust with passengers that rates set through an open and transparent public process do not change from ride to ride, time to time, or passenger to passenger as determined by a secret algorithm, but apply at all times to all passengers equally; and

WHEREAS, Uber's business model is based on competition with public transportation (including locally regulated taxis) by pricing rides below cost and flooding the streets with cars, leading to increased congestion, declining Muni ridership, exacerbation of our global climate emergency, and impoverishment of taxi drivers, while exploiting and impoverishing its own drivers by taking larger and larger service fees from drivers; and

WHEREAS, Uber has also initiated a partnership with taxis in New York City, and the actions taken in New York City and here in San Francisco will likely influence other major cities to embrace similar models, helping Uber advance its stated goal to have all taxis in the world on its platform by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The International Association of Transportation Regulators applauds partnerships between Uber and taxis for helping buttress Uber's legal claim that it merely facilitates rides between drivers and passengers and is not an employer of drivers; and

WHEREAS, Traditional taxi passengers, including seniors and people with disabilities who rely on taxi paratransit service, people who use telephones rather than smartphone apps to call for service, and people who lack credit cards and pay in cash, who are disproportionately lower income, will find themselves in competition with Uber passengers for taxi availability; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the potential impact on seniors, people with disabilities, and the disadvantaged, Uber's exploitive labor practices, and the dire environmental consequences of its business model, the California Alliance for Retired Americans, the Grey Panthers, the Sierra Club, the San Francisco Green



Party, SaveMuni, the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, and the San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance have called for removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council joins the above organizations and hereby supports the removal of Third-Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors File No. 220886, Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program, introduced by Supervisor Connie Chan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Labor Council shall convey this Resolution to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by the SF Taxi Workers Alliance and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on September 6, 2022 and the Delegate Body on September 12, 2022

OPEIU 29 AFL-CIO 11

**CALL TO ACTION!**



September 15, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Government Audit and Oversight Committee  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Subject: Strong Support: File No. 220886, Supervisor Chan's Resolution  
Urging Removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot

Dear Supervisors Preston, Chan, Mandelman,

San Francisco Gray Panthers strongly supports Supervisor Chan's resolution urging removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot.

The plan is a hardship for our members, largely seniors and people with disabilities, who do not have cars and need taxis for medical visits, shopping for necessities, and visits with friends. Many do not have smartphones, and they would find fewer cabs responding to landline requests for service. Many are on limited incomes and risk not being able to afford cabs if Uber can unilaterally set rates for rides booked through Uber's app. Uber has a history of increasing rates during high demand, so riders' rates would not be dependable, and taxi drivers would have an incentive to avoid traditional calls for rides.

San Francisco Gray Panthers stands in solidarity with taxi drivers who have been put in competition with Uber drivers, and who will have Uber's service rate deducted from each ride's fare. There are no plans to regulate or cap Uber's service charge. We abhor Uber's business model of offloading transportation costs such as maintenance, licensing, registration etc. onto its drivers.

Why would the City want to give over regulation of a public utility like taxis to an entity not regulated by the SFMTA, particularly an entity with a history of abusing drivers, riders, and the public? Uber's goal is to have 100 percent of the world's cabs on its platform by 2025, a major move to de-regulation. SFMTA has shown reluctance to rebuild MUNI except as an express service for those capable of walking long distances to stops. We cannot help thinking Third Party Dispatch is SFMTA's plan is to offload viable public transit and replace it with a flood of Uber cars.

Please support Supervisor Chan's Resolution urging removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot.

San Francisco Gray Panthers Board

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot  
**Date:** Monday, September 19, 2022 3:21:23 PM

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**From:** Robert Feinbaum <bobf@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 11:25 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** MTABoard <mtaboard@sfmta.com>  
**Subject:** Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot

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# SaveMUNI

September 20, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

Re: File# 220886, Urging Removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot

Dear Supervisors

SaveMUNI supports Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution calling for removal of third party dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Pilot Program.

SFMTA's authorization of the deal between Uber and two cab companies was passed without proper vetting. It was not heard by the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, the Mayor's Disability Council, or the Paratransit Coordinating Council, and was never presented to SaveMUNI for our consideration.

By approving this deal, the SFMTA gives up charter mandated authority to set taxi meter rates. SaveMUNI regards this decision with alarm for several reasons:

- (1) People who do not have smartphones, and those who rely on taxi paratransit services, will be forced into competition with Uber passengers for cab rides, leading to longer wait times
- (2) All passengers booking through Uber may be subject to surge pricing dictated by a private corporation
- (3) Taxi drivers, on the other hand, may receive compensation below meter rates, further endangering their livelihoods.

SaveMUNI therefore urges the Oversight Committee, and after suitable consideration, the full Board of Supervisors to approve Supervisor Chan's resolution calling for the removal of third party dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

Bob Feinbaum

President, SaveMUNI

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urging the SFMTA to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:33:59 AM

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**From:** Patrick Villano <pvillano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 8:32 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Urging the SFMTA to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

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Support: File No. 220886, *Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency*

*(SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program*

Dear GAO Clerk and Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry. Uber and other so-called 'ride share' services (taxis by any other name) do not operate under the same scrutiny as traditional taxis and should not have the same benefits granted to them. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Villano  
District 5

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:33:51 AM

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**From:** Regina Islas <regina.islas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 9:14 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

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Onward together,

Regina S Islas/D1

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Ai WeiWei

Though we did not know it wandering was our real work anyway

Rebecca Solnit

**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I support File No. 220886, Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution opposing the Uber takeover of SF taxis  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:33:40 AM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:40 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA) <Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com>; MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** I support File No. 220886, Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution opposing the Uber takeover of SF taxis

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I Support: File No. 220886, *Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program*

Dear Supervisors,

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Sincerely,  
Spike Kahn  
District 9

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**Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
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**To:** Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

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