

1 [SoMa Senior Community Committee for Livable Streets]

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3 **Resolution urging the creation of the SoMa Senior Community Committee for livable**  
4 **streets.**

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6 WHEREAS, SoMa's population has increased over 80% from 1990-2000; and

7 WHEREAS, The SoMa's population includes a 20% Senior population; and

8 WHEREAS, SoMa serves as a major transportation hub for moving in and out of the  
9 city, connecting SF's downtown financial district, Civic Center, SBC Park, and Moscone  
10 Convention Center with three major freeways (Interstate 80, Interstate 101, and Interstate  
11 280); and,

12 WHEREAS, The core of SoMa, defined as 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> street and Market Street to Folsom  
13 Street, has an average daily traffic volume of 41,000 vehicles; and,

14 WHEREAS, Such mixed land use has resulted in over 1079 reported pedestrian  
15 injuries in the last 10 years, (one every 3 days), not counting the hundreds of un-reported  
16 injuries in the same time period; and,

17 WHEREAS, Seniors are more susceptible to life threatening injuries when involved in a  
18 pedestrian collision and, in most years, over half of injury victims in San Francisco are  
19 Seniors; and,

20 WHEREAS, The scheduled development and re-development projects will significantly  
21 increase the number of senior residents and daily traffic flow; and,

22 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco approved the South of Market Area  
23 plan in 1995; the plan contains recommendation in regards to development policies, zoning  
24 rules and measures to be undertaken by city agencies to improve the physical environment  
25 and general neighborhood livability of SoMa; and,

1           WHEREAS, Senior Action Network, in partnership with the San Francisco Injury Center  
2 was awarded a Senior Action Model grant for Senior Pedestrian Safety in SoMa from National  
3 Highway Transportation Safety Administration. The Senior Action Model makes use of a  
4 community group to train and develop leadership in the community made up of Seniors and  
5 persons with disabilities. The aim is to equip residents with the tools to advocate for  
6 themselves; and,

7           WHEREAS, It is essential for both city agencies and planners to work with community  
8 Senior residents to make SoMa a livable community; and,

9           WHEREAS, The Senior community of SoMa has limited access to city planning of their  
10 community; now, therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco shall create a SoMa task force  
12 titled, **SoMa Senior Community Committee for Livable Streets** consisting of San Francisco  
13 City agencies and SoMa Community Representation. Agencies being from the Municipal  
14 Transportation Authority, Department of Public Health, San Francisco County, Transportation  
15 Authority, Department of Public Works, Mayor's Office on Neighborhood Services, District 6  
16 Board of Supervisor's Office, San Francisco Police Department, and the Planning  
17 Department; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the community residential representatives consisting of a  
19 Senior Advocacy, Disability Advocacy, Transportation Advocacy, Housing Advocacy, and 4  
20 Senior Residents, and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the Committee  
22 members. The Task force shall be formed by January 2006, report to the Board of  
23 Supervisors by October 2006 and disband no later than February 2007; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall convene and be staffed by the  
25 Pedestrian Safety Project at the Department of the Public Health; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SoMa Senior Community Committee for Livable Streets will focus in the district of SoMa defined with the boundaries of Market Street to Third Street to Harrison Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Van Ness Avenue to Market Street; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the duties of SSCC for Livable Streets are to provide updated portions of the SoMa Plan to be integrated into the next SoMa plan process, serve as a liaison between the SoMa Senior residents and the City and County agencies and planners, make recommendations to city departments, commissions, boards and agencies in order to improve pedestrian safety and ambiance, and review policies and planning efforts regarding pedestrian improvements including, but not limited to, issues of safety, traffic calming, education, and sidewalk and crosswalk treatments.