

1 [Resolution Opposing BART Surcharge.]

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3 **Resolution opposing BART surcharge on SFO employees**

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5 WHEREAS, In May 2009, the BART Board of Directors voted to impose a new, one-  
6 way premium surcharge, increasing the fee from \$1.50 to \$4.00 beginning July 1st for all  
7 persons traveling to the San Francisco Airport, in addition to a 6% increase to the regular fare;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, SFO is the only BART station in which a surcharge has been added to all  
10 fares; and

11 WHEREAS, 11% of the 10,000 passengers riding BART to SFO are airport employees,  
12 many of whom work for minimum wage or are part-time; and

13 WHEREAS, for many airport employees, this surcharge, on top of the regular fare  
14 increase, prohibitively raises the cost of their commutes, subtracting from their wages as  
15 much as \$1 per hour; and

16 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2009, the San Francisco Airport (SFO) Commission, under the  
17 leadership of General Manager John Martin, unanimously approved a resolution asking BART  
18 to waive the new SFO surcharge for workers at the airport; and

19 WHEREAS, Even if the \$4 surcharge is waived for employees, BART will still realize  
20 \$11 million per year from the surcharge paid by SFO passengers, up from \$5 million before  
21 July 1st; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a transit-first city and BART is an integral provider of  
23 public transportation options for residents, particularly workers traveling to SFO; now,  
24 therefore, be it

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Supervisor Chiu, Dufty, Campos, Mirkarimi, Maxwell, Mar  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 urges the BART Board of Directors to adopt policies that will not create inequitable fare  
3 increases on SFO employees; and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls specifically on San  
5 Francisco BART Directors to lead the way by waiving the fee that will hurt many low-income  
6 workers and their families and re-examining the financial relationship with SFO, as the ride  
7 from BART to the Airport continues to grow in popularity.



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August 4, 2009 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Land Use and Economic Development Committee

August 11, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 11, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

8/20/2009

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom