

1 [Urging SFUSD to pursue BAAQMD funds]

2 Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to  
3 pursue the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's school bus  
4 retrofit program which covers the cost of installing particulate  
5 traps on existing diesel busses.

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7 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has a responsibility to  
8 minimize the impact of City services on the environment in order  
9 to promote the well being of city residents; and,

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District  
11 currently contracts with Laidlaw Company to operate 203 school  
12 busses for the transportation of students at the K-12 level;  
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, These buses rely on diesel fuel without any  
15 particulate trap mechanisms or modified diesel; and,

16 WHEREAS, Emissions from these school buses are linked with  
17 adverse health effects such as respiratory disease; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a  
19 non-profit environmental organization, did a study in February  
20 2001 which showed that a child riding on a diesel school bus may  
21 be exposed to a cancer risk that is 23 to 46 times greater than  
22 the risk considered "significant" by the Environmental  
23 Protection Agency; and,

1           WHEREAS, According to the NRDC, 2,600 clean alternative  
2 fuel busses, such as those that are run on natural gas and  
3 propane, are in use nationally by universities and schools; and,

4           WHEREAS, BAAQMD has set aside funds earmarked to help  
5 public school fleet operators cover the incremental costs of  
6 purchasing cleaner alternatives; and,

7           WHEREAS, While Laidlaw, a privately owned school bus  
8 operator, would not be eligible for BAAQMD fleet replacement  
9 funds, Laidlaw is eligible for BAAQMD's school bus retrofit  
10 program which would pay for installation of particulate traps on  
11 existing diesel busses, if Laidlaw commits to purchasing Ultra  
12 Low Sulfur Diesel; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
14 County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco Unified School  
15 District to pursue the Bay Area Air Quality Management  
16 District's school bus retrofit program which covers the cost of  
17 installing particulate traps on existing diesel busses; and, be  
18 it;

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of  
20 Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution to the San  
21 Francisco Unified School District.

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Mark Leno, Sophie Maxwell

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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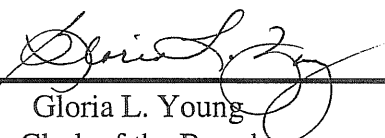
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August 27, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,  
Sandoval, Yee  
Absent: 2 - Daly, Newsom

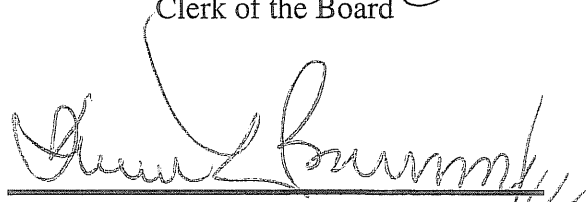
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 27, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.