

1 [Urging California State Lawmakers to Authorize Automated Speed Enforcement]

2 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor to pass legislation**  
3 **authorizing the use of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy in  
7 2014, committing to build better and safer streets, educate the public on traffic safety, enforce  
8 the most dangerous traffic violations, and adopt policy changes in order to eliminate traffic  
9 deaths by 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, Speeding is the number one cause of fatal and severe injury collisions in  
11 San Francisco, claiming ten times more lives than drunk driving; and

12 WHEREAS, The California Office of Traffic Safety consistently ranks San Francisco as  
13 the number one city in the state for seniors to be injured and killed in traffic collisions while  
14 walking; and

15 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the annual medical costs for pedestrians injured in a  
16 traffic collision is \$15,000,000 and the total annual economic costs of traffic injuries and  
17 fatalities is \$564 million per year; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst, pedestrians and cyclists  
19 are at a heightened risk of injury in speed-related crashes: studies show that if a pedestrian is  
20 hit by a car traveling 40 mph there is an 85% chance the pedestrian will be killed, but if a  
21 driver strikes a pedestrian while traveling 20 mph there is a 5% chance the pedestrian will be  
22 killed; and

1           WHEREAS, Automated speed enforcement, or speeding cameras, when used in  
2 conjunction with traditional means of traffic enforcement and public education, complements  
3 law enforcement’s traffic safety efforts and enforcement programs; and

4           WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fixed  
5 speed cameras reduce injury crashes by 20% to 25%, and mobile speed cameras reduce  
6 injury collisions by 21% to 51%, and “automated enforcement systems can result in  
7 measureable safety improvement at high crash locations;” and

8           WHEREAS, One hundred and forty one communities in the United States have  
9 implemented automated speed enforcement camera programs; however, California law  
10 prohibits the use of camera technology to enforce existing speed limits; and

11           WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority supported state  
12 legislation to authorize an Automated Speed Enforcement program San Francisco at their  
13 December 15, 2016, meeting; and

14           WHEREAS, Numerous community leaders and groups support the use of Automated  
15 Speed Enforcement in San Francisco, including Walk San Francisco, The San Francisco  
16 Bicycle Coalition, California Walks, CC Puede, The Central City SRO Collective, The FDR  
17 Democratic Club of San Francisco, Livable City, The Traffic Safety Coalition, and Friends of  
18 Monterey Boulevard; and

19           WHEREAS, The revenue derived from an Automated Speed Enforcement program  
20 could be used to invest in pedestrian safety or other roadway traffic safety improvements;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 supports the use of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in San Francisco to reduce  
24 speeding and increase safety; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect the privacy interests of persons who are issued  
2 citations under an Automated Speed Enforcement program, that the Board of Supervisors of  
3 the City and County of San Francisco supports a program in which the photographic, video, or  
4 other visual records generated by the program are confidential, and are made available only  
5 to alleged violators, and to governmental and law enforcement agencies solely for the  
6 purpose of enforcing these violations; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
8 Francisco urges our local delegation who represent San Francisco in the State Legislature to  
9 support legislation authorizing Automated Speed Enforcement Technology in the City and  
10 County of San Francisco and further urges the California State Legislature and Governor  
11 Jerry Brown to pass such legislation; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this  
13 resolution to the office of Senator Mark Leno, and Assemblymembers David Chiu and Phil  
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