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[Urging Mayor Brown to make the prohibition of cell phone use while driving city vehicles a top priority in the coming negotiations between the City and various organizations representing City employees]

**Resolution urging Mayor Brown to make the prohibition of cell phone use while driving city vehicles a top priority in the coming negotiations between the City and various organizations representing City employees.**

WHEREAS, Research has found that driving an automobile while using a cell phone significantly increases the risk of accidents; and,

WHEREAS, A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine (Redelmeier 1997) found that there is a quadrupling of the risk of an automobile accident while operating a mobile phone; and,

WHEREAS, Research has found that cell phone use while driving has adverse effects on driver reaction time, mental workload, and vehicle lane positioning; and,

WHEREAS, Research on cell phone use while driving has found that complex conversations and intense or business related conversations increase crash risk; and,

WHEREAS, Research has found that phone use and driving are parallel tasks competing for the driver's attention; and,

WHEREAS, Analysis of the causes of mobile phone related crashes has shown the main reason for crashes is driver inattention; and,

WHEREAS, Research has shown that the most hazardous activity associated with mobile phone use is receiving a call because the driver cannot chose the time when a call is received; and,

1           WHEREAS, It is the intent of this resolution to protect public safety while ensuring that  
2 all city employees are treated in a fair and reasonable fashion; and,

3           WHEREAS, The Office of Mayor Brown will be conferring with various organizations  
4 representing City employees to renegotiate the City's Memorandums of Understanding; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
7 San Francisco that City employees shall be prohibited from using cell phones for non-  
8 emergency purposes while driving a city vehicle and that violations of this policy shall result in  
9 progressive disciplinary action; and, be it

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11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of City and County of San  
12 Francisco urges Mayor Brown to make the prohibition of cell phone use while driving city  
13 vehicles a top priority in the coming negotiations between the City and various organizations  
14 representing City employees.  
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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 021731

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging Mayor Brown to make the prohibition of cell phone use while driving city vehicles a top priority in the coming negotiations between the City and various organizations representing City employees.

October 21, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 21, 2002 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**

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: November 1, 2002

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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