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1	[Honoring the Victims of the VTA Rail Yard Shooting]
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3	Resolution honoring the victims of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
4	(VTA) rail yard shooting.
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6	WHEREAS, On Wednesday May 26, 2021, nine victims were killed in a mass shooting
7	at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) rail yard in San Jose, California; and
8	WHEREAS, Abdolvahab Alaghmandan, better known as Abdi, a VTA employee of 20
9	years and ATU LOCAL 265 member, and an immigrant who moved to the United States from
10	Tehran, Iran in 1995, was murdered in the shooting; and
11	WHEREAS, Adrian Balleza, a VTA worker of seven years and ATU Local 265 member
12	who was known for his smile and goofy jokes that made the workplace more fun for everyone,
13	was murdered in the shooting; and
14	WHEREAS, Alex Ward Fritch, a substation maintainer at the VTA and ATU Local 265
15	member, who was an optimistic and passionate person who loved Tiki crawls, dirt bikes, Star
16	Wars and his two teenage boys, was murdered in the shooting; and
17	WHEREAS, Jose Dejesus Hernandez III, a substation maintainer at the VTA, ATU
18	Local 265 member, and the son of a retired VTA worker, who could fix anything, loved his
19	hobbies and lived life with zest, was murdered in the shooting; and
20	WHEREAS, Lars Kepler Lane, a VTA worker of 20 years and ATU Local 265 member,
21	and husband of 22 years, a father and grandfather who was an avid bicyclist, was murdered
22	in the shooting; and
23	WHEREAS, Michael Joseph Rudometkin, better known as "Mikey," an overhead line
24	worker at VTA and ATU Local 265 member, and who loved to golf, ski, and tinker on
25	motorcycles and cars, was murdered in the shooting; and

1	WHEREAS, Paul Delacruz Megia, a VTA worker of ten years and AFSCME Local 110
2	member, and a comic, a loving husband, son and father who bravely saved the lives of his
3	coworkers, was murdered in the shooting; and
4	WHEREAS, Taptejdeep Singh, a VTA light rail operator and ATU Local 265 member,
5	and an immigrant who moved to California from Punjab, India 17 years ago who bravely
6	saved the lives of his coworkers, was murdered in the shooting; and
7	WHEREAS, Timothy Michael Romo, a VTA worker of 22 years and ATU Local 265
8	member, and a husband, father, and grandfather described as "always the life of the party", a
9	handyman and a brave soul, was murdered in the shooting; and
10	WHEREAS, The nine lives taken were public employees who were frontline workers
11	that dedicated their careers to serving Santa Clara transit riders; and
12	WHEREAS, The family and friends of the victims, including many children and seniors
13	are continuing to experience a mental, emotional, and physical toll from the shooting, and
14	need affordable and continued access to health care; now, therefore, be it
15	RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in mourning the deaths
16	and celebrating the lives of the nine victims killed in the shooting at the VTA rail yard; and, be
17	it
18	FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors applauds the
19	heroism and compassion of the first responders and emergency medical personnel who
20	responded to the shooting, and, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors will continue its
22	commitment to expanding access to health care, particularly mental health services, for
23	victims and families of victims of gun violence and other trauma; and, be it
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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
2	responsibility to continue working with other Bay Area Counties to target the root causes of
3	gun violence and prevent more people from dying in acts of gun violence.
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## **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. inquiries" 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor 5. City Attorney Request. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Haney, Walton, Stefani, Ronen, Safai, Mandelman, Peskin, Melgar, Preston, Chan, Mar Subject: Resolution - Honoring the Victims of the VTA Rail Yard Shooting The text is listed: Resolution Honoring the Victims of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Rail Yard Shooting.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Matt Haney

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