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

11 WHEREAS, 11% of the 10,000 passengers riding BART to SFO are airport employees;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, This surcharge is unfair and unjust to SFO employees, many of whom
14 work for minimum wage, and prohibitively raises the cost of their commutes; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, In response to this punitive charge on SFO employees, many of whom are
22 low-wage workers, SFO has begun operating a free shuttle service between BART's Millbrae
23 station and the airport's International Terminal; and,

24 WHEREAS, As many as 700 SFO employees per day have opted to use this shuttle
25 service to avoid exiting at the SFO station and being forced to pay the surcharge; and,

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

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

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls specifically on San
8 Francisco BART Directors to lead the way by waiving the punitive fee that is hurting many
9 minimum wage workers and their families and re-examining the financial relationship with
10 SFO, as the ride from BART to the Airport continues to grow in popularity.