From: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

To: Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)

Subject: FW: Support: File Number 220886, Urging the removal of third-party (Uber) dispatch from the Taxi-Upfront Fare

Pilot Program

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 1:34:12 PM

Alisa Somera

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From: Kathy Howard <kathyhoward@earthlink.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:35 AM

Subject: Support: File Number 220886, Urging the removal of third-party (Uber) dispatch from the Taxi-Upfront Fare Pilot Program

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Dear Supervisors:

I am again asking that you support Supervisor Chan's resolution calling for the removal of third-party dispatch of taxi cabs.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency seems to be serving as an agent for Uber - and not the interests of the public at large. The deal approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors in April requires the SFMTA to give up its charter-mandated authority to determine tax meter rates in a public and transparent manner. Uber will now determine the passenger fares for all participating cabs and determine a separate taxicab driver pay. This is nothing less than the privatization and deregulation of transit.

Enabling Uber's desire for global monopoly is a very dangerous step to take during our global climate emergency and during a time of widening income inequality.

Please support Supervisor Chan's resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard
Outer Sunset District

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides

<u>Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS)</u> Cc:

24 Letters regarding File No. 220886 Subject: Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 1:06:30 PM Attachments: 24 Letters regarding File No. 220886.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached 24 letters regarding File No. 220886.

File No. 220886 - Urging Removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot

Sincerely,

Joe Adkins Office of the Clerk of the Board **San Francisco Board of Supervisors** 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 554-5184 | Fax: (415) 554-5163 board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org | www.sfbos.org From: <u>Kathy Howard</u>

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Breed, Mayor

London (MYR); MTABoard@sfmta.com; Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); CAC@sfmta.com; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File Number 220886, Urging the removal of third-party (Uber) dispatch from the Taxi-Upfront Fare Pilot

Program

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 7:34:57 AM

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Dear Supervisors:

I am again asking that you support Supervisor Chan's resolution calling for the removal of third-party dispatch of taxi cabs.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency seems to be serving as an agent for Uber - and not the interests of the public at large. The deal approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors in April requires the SFMTA to give up its charter-mandated authority to determine tax meter rates in a public and transparent manner. Uber will now determine the passenger fares for all participating cabs and determine a separate taxicab driver pay. This is nothing less than the privatization and deregulation of transit.

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Please support Supervisor Chan's resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard
Outer Sunset District

From: Alice Mosley

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR)

Cc: Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael

(BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Please Support Supervisor Connie Chan"s Resolution File No. 220886

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:21:05 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

I myself have impaired mobility since suffering a severe ankle fracture, and rely heavily on Muni and taxis. I'm worried that taxi fares will become unreliable, and object to giving Uber, who receive funding from the Saudi Public Investment Fund, any more power over our transportation in San Francisco.

The SFMTA Board of Directors made this decision quickly and sloppily. Why did they approve this far reaching proposal without calling for it to be properly vetted by stakeholders including the Mayor's Disability Council, the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, and the Paratransit Coordinating Council? This is not to mention a variety of environmental and labor advocacy organizations. What impact will this deal have on people without smartphones who need to hail cabs or on taxi paratransit passengers who rely on taxi paratransit service to travel, sometimes just one or two blocks just to get uphill? Will these people now be in competition for cab rides with Uber passengers?

Do not make the taxi industry and the passengers it serves suffer further at the hand of TNC's, and especially Uber. Our city should no longer roll over for Uber and its allies, causing excess pollution and congestion in our cities. San Francisco should not be a test ground for the exploits of Uber. Please do not give it any more power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely, Alice Mosley District 8 From: Glenn Rogers

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: I support File number 220886, Supervisor Chan's resolution

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:50:16 AM

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Hello supervisors.

My name is Glenn Rogers, RLA.

Please support Supervisor Chan's resolution calling for the removal of third-party dispatch of taxi cabs. That third party is Uber. Uber has a goal of having every taxi worldwide on its platform by 2025. Uber is a notoriously unscrupulous global corporation -- its revenues are all based on lawbreaking, polluting, and exploiting, and it now seeks to become a parasite of the SF taxi industry as a part of its goal for global domination of the taxi industry (if not the entire transportation industry). It is alarming that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency seems to be serving as an agent for Uber -- and not the interests of the public at large. In fact, the deal approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors in April requires the SFMTA to GIVE UP its charter-mandated authority to determine tax meter rates in a public and transparent manner. Uber will now determine the passenger fares for all participating cabs and determine a separate taxicab driver pay. Passenger fares could be lower than regulated taxi meter fares -- or they could surge. Driver pay will be separately determined. This is nothing less than the privatization and deregulation of transit. Enabling Uber's desire for global monopoly is a very dangerous proposition during our global climate emergency and during a time of widening income inequality. Please support Supervisor Chan's resolution.

Glenn Rogers, RLA Landscape Architect License 3223

email: alderlandscape@comcast.net

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From: <u>Tab Buckner</u>

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); tesw via HANC BoD

Subject: Re: [HANC BoD] Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:51:29 AM

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Many thanks, Tes, for writing and sending this!

Tab

Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Board asks you to support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,

Tes Welborn for the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Board

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From: <u>T Flandrich</u>

To: <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>; <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Board of

Supervisors, (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Subject: SUPPORT 220886 Urging Removal of Third Party Dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Item#4

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:39:58 AM

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Dear Supervisors Preston, Chan and Mandelman,

I urge you to support Supervisor Chan's resolution for the removal of "Third Party Dispatch" from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Uber's corporate business model is that of exploitation of workers, non-transparency, lack of accountability, with the goal of creating a monopoly. We all know this to be true, so why would we as a city allow this corporate bad actor to have power over our San Francisco Taxi industry?!

Please do not support this inequitable business practice which severely limits accessibility to the many seniors, disabled, and poor San Franciscans. City Taxi regulations offer greater safety to our residents; a proven business model of trust and transparency.

The unregulated TNC industry has already caused immense harm-52,000 vehicles clogging streets, polluting our air, with drivers from other cities who pay less attention to what is actually on the streets as they need to look at their GPS to navigate destinations, all while destroying our City regulated taxi industry.

Please, please support this resolution!

Most Sincerely, Theresa Flandrich District 3 From: Sara Greenwald

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:26:03 AM

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Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

The program as currently organized allows Uber and other TNCs to gain unfair advantage over city-regulated taxi drivers. Our taxi drivers use significantly less-polluting vehicles and are relatively better paid than TNC drivers. Thus the Program works to the detriment of labor and significantly worsens our city's carbon emissions, making it increasingly difficult to meet our climate goals.

There are times when even the most climate-friendly San Franciscan needs car service for transportation needs our transit system does not meet. We need to make sure these trips are made in vehicles are low or zero emission. At a time when we should be doing everything possible to reduce GHG emissions from vehicular traffic, giving TNCs free rein to take over this important part of our transportation system is a bad idea.

Sincerely,
Sara Greenwald
350 San Francisco Coordinating Committee

CC: <u>MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com</u>, <u>MTABoard@sfmta.com</u>, <u>CAC@sfmta.com</u>, <u>Dean.Preston@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Connie.Chan@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org</u> From: sflivingwage@riseup.net
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael

(BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:33:25 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,

Karl Kramer Campaign Co-director San Francisco Living Wage Coalition From: <u>tesw@aol.com</u>

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:20:05 PM

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Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Board asks you to support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,

Tes Welborn for the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Board

From: <u>Jacqueline Ruben</u>
To: <u>Somera, Alisa (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 8:50:13 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ruben District One

From: Jeff Whittington

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 1:11:20 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

Jeff Whittington

1301 14th Ave (District 7)

From: <u>Diana Scott</u>

To: <u>Somera, Alisa (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); mtaboard@sfmta.com; cac@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 11:05:57 AM

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Dear Supervisors, and Mayor Breed:

For the twenty reasons ("whereas") stated in this measure, I strongly recommend that you to support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

I do not use cellphone apps to order taxis, and don't want to have to compete with those who do to request one. I also oppose the increased congestion of streets with Uber drivers, their competition with taxis that have served S.F. for decades, and the opening to them of transit lanes prohibited to S.F. residents for necessary car trips. (I use mass transit where possible and limit my own car use).

I also continue to be concerned about increased air pollution, given long-standing lung health issues.

Sincerely,

Diana Scott District 4 From: Rosie Gozali
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: MTABoard@sfgov.org; Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfgov.org; CAC@sfgov.org: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Preston, Dean

(BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors

to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:37:46 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry. Plus, Uber drivers aren't employees and should be. Please do the moral thing. Thanks.

Sincerely, Rosie Gozali District 5 From: <u>Laura Goldin</u>
To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:08:34 PM

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Dear Supervisor Chan - I write today to thank you for sponsoring the resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber exploits workers, fails to pay a living wage or benefits associated with employment, disregards illegal behavior, itself engages in questionable behavior. Uber contributes to our climate crisis. We must not allow Uber (or any unregulated ride-share entity) power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

At this critical time, SFMTA should be doing everything to improve public transit and reduce use of a system which exploits workers and massively contributes to our carbon footprint.

I urge your colleagues to join you in urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

-laura goldin SF District 1 Resident

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From: <u>ss@ssteuer.com</u>
To: <u>Somera, Alisa (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; cac@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886 to Remove 3rd Party Dispatch from Taxi Upfront Fare

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:57:43 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Uber's business model is based on lawbreaking, colluding with regulators to conceal collision data, poorly vetting drivers, exploiting drivers, flooding city streets with polluting and congesting cars that interfere with and compete with transit (public buses, rail, and taxis), and underselling its product to lure passengers away from transit. In fact, Uber's 2019 IPO explicitly regards transit riders as targets for its marketing, our climate emergency notwithstanding.

The current status has NOT been properly vetted by stakeholders —including the Mayor's Disability Council, the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, and the Paratransit Coordinating Council – let alone a variety of environmental and labor advocacy organizations.

There are a host of other issues that MUST be addressed to ensure proper oversight of agencies, and allow sufficient input from the public.

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Sincerely, Sharon Steuer district 9 From: Renee Curran

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support Connie Chan"s resolution re MTA

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 9:17:20 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

The "Taxi Upfront Fare Program" is a giveaway to corporate bad actor Uber, which got its foothold in San Francisco by flouting the law. Uber and Lyft have used grossly unfair tactics to compete with public transportation and the taxi industry including exploiting its drivers. Now MTA wants to give it more unfair advantage?

SF, once a world class city, should have leaders who act with great concern for equity and climate change. Instead of investing heavily in public transportation, this city has aided and abetted TNC companies in making our city more polluted, less safe, and less economically equal.

Please support Connie Chan's resolution asking the MTA Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Renee Curran 94122 From: Sue Vaughan

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); MOD, (ADM); MTABoard; CAC; Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan,

Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA)

Subject: Correction: Re: Support: File Number 220886

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:59:34 AM

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Ms. Somera,

Please include this correct email in File Number 220886:

Support: File No. 220886, Urging the removal of third-party/Uber dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the SFMTA rescind the thirdparty (Uber) dispatch portion of the Taxi Upfront Fare program. Third-party/Uber dispatch empowers Uber to begin the takeover of the SF taxi industry. This program was quickly and sloppily approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors on April 5, 2022. The six members who approved the program did not demonstrate adequate concern for impacts to people who rely on cab access and may now be put in competition for cab rides with people who hail Ubers. They also did not consider the long-term consequences of giving up charter-mandated power to set taxi meter rates to a private, for-profit global company that is a notorious corporate bad actor -- Uber. Is this really the only way to save the cab industry, by turning it over to a company that has global monopoly and the privatization and deregulation of transit as its goal? What about the planet? What about our global climate emergency? What about income inequality and the collapse of democracies? Monopolies are a threat to all of these. Do not doubt that Uber seeks monopoly -- it has publicly stated that it wants every taxi on the planet on its platform by 2025, and in its IPO it states that it seeks to lure public transportation passengers away from transit and into Ubers. At the same time, it is exploiting its drivers, colluding with regulators to hide collision data, performing weak background checks of drivers (it is now being sued by 550 Jane Does for alleged sexual assault on the part of Uber drivers in San Francisco Superior Court), and collecting data. Collecting data. What is going to do with the data? Determine how low cab drivers are willing to go to get a fare? Determine how much passengers are willing to pay to get a cab -- especially if mass transit is further crippled by Uber and Lyft?

Is there really no other way to help revive the cab industry aside from turning over the power to determine fares to Uber? I don't believe that, and I hope you do not either. How about advertising?

Susan Vaughan District 1

From: Sue Vaughan

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); MOD, (ADM); MTABoard; CAC; Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan,

Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA)

Subject: Support: File Number 220886

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 7:04:56 PM

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Support: File No. 220886, Urging the removal of third-party/Uber dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

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Susan Vaughan District 1

From: <u>anastasia Yovanopoulos</u>
To: <u>Somera, Alisa (BOS)</u>

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Urge SFMTA Board to Remove third Party Dispatch from Taxi Upfront fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 12:41:17 PM

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Support: File No. 220886; Resolution *Urging SFMTA Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program*Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

No one knows the impact this deal will have on all those people without smartphones. I am a senior enrolled in the paratransit Essential Trip Card Program without smartphone. I'll be excluded from accessing the Taxi Upfront fare Pilot Program, since I rely on a land line. I take taxi paratransit service to medical appointments, and now I'll be in competition for cab rides with Uber passengers!

Allowing Uber to set fares is not a good move for SF residents. SFMTA agreed to *GIVE UP* its charter mandated power to set taxi meter rates. Uber will take over setting fares for all participating cabs. Those fares could be less than taxi meter rates – or they could surge. Who knows what fares riders will have to pay!

Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely,
Anastasia Yovanopoulos
District 8

From: churbert@outlook.com
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

(BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Support: File No. 220886 - Remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 12:25:38 PM

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I am writing to ask that the BoS support Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. I cannot understand how our city government and local representatives are again allowing Uber, a NOTORIOUSLY evil corporation who has been maligned in press for unscrupulous and unfair business practices is being allowed to leverage control the very industry they destroyed through predatory pricing. Hollywood literally made a movie about their toxic company culture and criminal business practices. Why does the SFMTA continues to put the interests of exploitative tech companies before the interests of residents and those who play by the rules?

Please right this egregious wrong! Support this resolution and *stop letting Uber and other* bad corporate actors write the rules. Uber should NEVER have been given any power over the taxi industry. Shame on this city and shame on you if you let it happen on your watch.

Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

From: Bonnie.

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); MTABoard@sfmta.com; CAC@sfmta.com; Preston, Dean

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Subject: Please save our SF Taxis from Uber Takeover Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 12:20:44 PM

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Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

I oppose the Uber takeover of SF Taxis. I support Connie Chan's resolution opposing Uber's takeover.

Thank you,
Bonnie Kirkland
Richmond District in SF

From: Susan Witka

To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Tumlin, Jeffrey (MTA); CAC@sfmta.com; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Stop the Uberfication of SF Taxis!

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:50:44 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program. Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor, exploiter, and a polluter. It should never have been given power over the San Francisco taxi industry.

Sincerely, SUSAN WITKA District 1
 From:
 Evelyn Engel

 To:
 Somera, Alisa (BOS)

Cc: SFTWA (San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance); Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael

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Subject: SFTWA Support for File No. 220886

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 3:23:59 PM

Attachments: 2022-09-28 SFTWA Support Resolution File No 220886 Final.doc

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Dear Ms. Somera,

Please include the attached letter from the San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance in the public correspondence for File No. 220886 on tomorrow's agenda of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting.

Sincerely, Evelyn Engel San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance

San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance / AFL-CIO

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September 28, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Government Audit and Oversight Committee San Francisco City Hall

Support: File No. 220886, Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Chair Preston and Supervisors Chan and Mandelman,

The San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance supports File No. 220886, urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to remove third-party (Uber) dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

The SFMTA Board approved third-party dispatch as one of the most significant changes ever brought to the taxi industry, without any public outreach beyond the industry itself. While the benefits of third-party dispatch to Uber and Uber's passengers are clear, its benefits to taxi drivers, the taxi industry, the general public, and the City as a whole are doubtful.

Uber will certainly benefit, gaining hundreds of full-time, professional drivers without the costs of driver acquisition. Uber's passengers will benefit by accessing this larger pool of drivers, leading to shorter wait times. But will the general public benefit? Regular taxi riders — including seniors and persons with disabilities in the Paratransit Program — will lose out, as cabs that would otherwise be available to serve them will be occupied in serving Uber customers. It's the role of government to ensure that benefits to one segment of the population do not harm or inconvenience other citizens, but the only safeguard that SFMTA offers is its promise to monitor the program and adjust it as necessary.

Proponents of third-party dispatch claim that taxi drivers will benefit from increased demand for rides, but pay that is not enough for Uber's own drivers will not be enough for taxi drivers, who have higher expenses, including medallion loan payments. SFMTA refuses to regulate Uber's fees to taxi drivers (and has not yet revealed what those fees will be). Even if Uber's fee is low to start, nothing will stop Uber from raising it later. It's difficult to imagine that third-party dispatch will increase taxi drivers' net earnings enough to recruit new taxi drivers or restore value to taxi medallions.

Uber's partnership with taxis is not simply a local pilot, but a global strategy. In February 2022, Uber's CEO Dara Khosrowshahi announced a plan to have *every taxi in the world on its platform by 2025*. Uber has already acquired or partnered with taxi dispatch services in about a dozen countries in Europe, South America, Asia and the Middle East. And in March, Uber announced a partnership with taxi apps Curb and Arro in New York City. Curb and Flywheel plan to roll out their respective partnerships with Uber nationally. Uber is clearly on track to absorb the industry it once sought to destroy, and with increased market dominance it will have greater power to set passenger rates and driver pay as it pleases.

In most, if not all, other countries where Uber has partnered with taxis, Uber did so because local regulations restricted it in some way, typically by disallowing drivers without a professional license. In New York City, the Taxi and Limousine Commission, the same body that regulates taxis, also regulates TNCs. New York has a cap on the number of TNC vehicles and a minimum pay requirement for TNC

drivers. Yet SFMTA is handing Uber a role in San Francisco's taxi industry despite having no regulatory authority whatsoever over TNCs. All they're saying is, "Trust us, we'll monitor this."

In summary, the plan for third-party dispatch is plagued with problems, including a lack of transparency, insufficient safeguards for drivers, the prospect of worse service for our traditional taxi passengers, and a perilous reliance on an under-regulated, private company with a horrible track record on issues like environmental responsibility, personal privacy, public safety and driver treatment. We urge you to support File No. 220886.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Engel Secretary and Member of the Executive Board San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance From: <u>Sue Vaughan</u>

To: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Breed, Mayor

London (MYR); MOD, (ADM); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: File Number 220886: SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council resolution opposing Third-Party (TNC) Dispatch

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:14:25 AM

Attachments: 7-7-22 recommendations letter Resolution Opposing Third-Party (TNC-Uber) Dispatch.pdf.

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Dear Ms. Somera.

Please include this SFMTA CAC resolution in the packet for File Number 220886 for Thursday, September 29, 20022. It is attached. Thank you.

Sue Vaughan



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July 8, 2022

SFMTA Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Avenue, Seventh Floor San Francisco, California 94103-5417

Re: SFMTA CAC Recommendation

Dear Directors:

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on July 7, 2022, the Council considered the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 220707.02

WHEREAS the San Francisco Planning Department has recently issued a report highlighting the socio-economic and environmental problems associated with transportation network companies (TNCs, e.g., Uber and Lyft), including the exacerbation of the global climate emergency and widening divisions between those who can afford ride hail services and those who cannot;

WHEREAS Uber is a financially failing company propped up by investments from various funds, including the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund, making Uber an extension of the fossil fuel industry;

WHEREAS 59% of San Franciscans who voted in the November 2020 election voted NO on Proposition 22 to convert Uber and Lyft drivers, among others, from employees with benefits ranging from minimum hourly pay and Workmen's Compensation to private contractors;

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter requires the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to ensure "roads that are not gridlocked with congestion;"

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter requires the SFMTA to provide "A transportation sector that promotes environmental sustainability and does not contribute to global warming;"

WHEREAS the San Francisco Charter gives the SFMTA "exclusive authority over taxi-related functions and taxi-related fares, fees, charges, budgets, and personnel that it has over the Municipal Railway;"

WHEREAS the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program requires the SFMTA to give up the power to regulate taxi meter fares for all cab rides booked through third-party dispatch systems and to transfer that power to the third-party dispatch companies;

WHEREAS Uber has stated that it has a goal of having all taxis globally on its platform by 2025, thereby converting all taxi drivers globally into Uber contract gig workers;

WHEREAS TNC participation is not an essential component of the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program; therefore, be it;

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to remove third-party (TNC) dispatch from the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Sincerely,

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Michael Chen, Chair

SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council

cc: SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council

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See the attached letter supporting File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program.

Thanks, JMC

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September 20, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Government Audit and Oversight Committee % Alisa Somera alisa.somera@sfgov.org

Support: File No. 220886, Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program

Dear Supervisors,

The SF Green Party strongly supports Supervisor Connie Chan's resolution, File #220886, "Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to remove Third Party Dispatch from its Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program."

Currently, the only company interested in dispatching cabs through this program is Uber. In approving deals negotiated between Uber and taxi companies, the SFMTA would give up its charter-mandated power to set taxi meter rates. Uber would thus determine fares for all taxis dispatched through its app and could even set them higher than Uber's own rates, an obvious conflict of interest. It is clear to us that SFMTA approval of this "third party dispatch" program would further the deregulation and privatization of public transit.

Uber is a notorious corporate bad actor. Their business model is based on exploitation of drivers, subsidizing fares to lure public transportation riders away from buses and trains, colluding with regulators, and paying off public officials. Despite operating largely outside of the law, Uber is still unable to turn a profit, and is now seeking further public subsidies in the form of a cut of taxi fares.

We stand with Supervisor Chan in calling for the removal of "third-party dispatch" from this pilot program. If the SFMTA truly supports "up front" taxi fares, the department should develop a municipally owned and operated app to provide centralized taxi dispatch, instead of partnering with corporate criminals.

Sincerely

John-Marc Chandonia SFGP County Council member

on behalf of the SF Green Party

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