

1 [Urging SFMTA to Delay Implementation of Meter Hour Extension]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to**
4 **delay implementing meter hour extension until the completion of an independent**
5 **economic impact report that specifically analyzes the projected impact to San**
6 **Francisco small businesses, City revenues, and the City's overall economic recovery**
7 **and said report is reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and the SFMTA Board.**
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9 WHEREAS, On May 16, 2023, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
10 (SFMTA) announced the phasing of the citywide meter hours extension beginning in July
11 2023 without an extensive community outreach effort and overall economic impact report; and

12 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco's Status of the San Francisco Economy
13 Reports, multiple economic indicators show that San Francisco economy has yet to recover;
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15 WHEREAS, According the employment growth indicator in the San Francisco Status of
16 San Francisco Economy the April report, the leisure and hospitality industry was the most
17 impacted industry between February 2020 to March 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, Extension of metered parking into the evening and Sunday will
19 disproportionately affect the restaurant and entertainment industry because the proposal will
20 increase parking cost and risk of parking fines for patrons and staff who relies heavily on
21 personal vehicles as primarily mode of transportation; and

22 WHEREAS, According to SFMTA 2019 Survey, 32% of lower-income household do not
23 have access and ability to park in a garage, which subject them to higher likelihood of parking
24 fines; and
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1 WHEREAS, SFMTA, through various fees and fine reduction programs to low-income
2 residents, recognizes that parking fees disproportionately affect historically low-income
3 communities and people of color; and

4 WHEREAS, SFMTA recognizes the negative impact of the meter hour extension to
5 low-income neighborhoods and will implement their plan last in historically disenfranchised
6 neighborhoods; however, phasing in of the program does not mitigate the adverse impacts;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Parking revenue is a source of funding for public transit, which
9 disproportionately serves low-income and moderate-income residents, and such revenue can
10 help offset inadequate transit funding, especially as the MTA seeks increased assistance from
11 the state to fund operations; and

12 WHEREAS, SFMTA should work with merchant groups, religious leaders,
13 neighborhood groups to find ways help the city recover that is sensitive to the needs of local
14 business and residents; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco should capitalize on continued positive economic trends,
16 including increased volume on the bridge usage and domestic and international air travel, and
17 incentivize visitors to patronize local businesses; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Municipal
19 Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to delay implementing meter hour extension until the
20 completion of an independent economic impact report that specifically analyzes the projected
21 impact to San Francisco small businesses, City revenues, and the City's overall economic
22 recovery and said report is reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and the SFMTA Board; and,
23 be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the completion of the referenced
2 study and outreach and engagement as soon as possible to minimize any delay in the implementation
3 of parking meter policy changes.