

1 [Urging SFMTA and HSH to Develop a Joint Plan on Residents Living in Vehicles]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and**
4 **the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to collaborate on the**
5 **relocation of residents living in their vehicles into more stable housing while ensuring**
6 **that new Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and large uninhabited commercial vehicles do not**
7 **take their place.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco acknowledges its commitment to
10 addressing the issues of homelessness and ensuring the well-being of all its residents,
11 including those living in Recreational Vehicles and residents seeking to utilize public streets
12 for parking and road safety; and

13 WHEREAS, Winston Avenue, Lake Merced Boulevard, and surrounding streets on the
14 west side of the city, have for several years experienced the presence of numerous
15 individuals and families living in vehicles, creating a complex set of issues for San Francisco
16 to address; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco must balance competing interests, with compassion and
18 fairness, for access to public space, for low-income children to be protected, and for public
19 health and road safety concerns; and

20 WHEREAS, Living in a vehicle is different from street homelessness as it provides
21 better protection from the elements, a degree of privacy, safety, mobility and access to
22 resources, so that vehicular dwellers are disinclined to give up such security and autonomy,
23 but face legal issues, discrimination, and judgement from the public; and

24 WHEREAS, The landmark Ninth Circuit Court case of Martin v. Boise determined that
25 people experiencing homelessness cannot be punished for engaging in life-sustaining

1 activities, but that cities can regulate public spaces by providing services to guide people into
2 adequate shelter and housing options; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
4 and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency each have unique roles that can
5 contribute to alleviating vehicular homelessness and preventing the continued proliferation of
6 RV encampments; and

7 WHEREAS, It is crucial for the City and County of San Francisco to coordinate HSH's
8 efforts to provide outreach, support, and housing solutions for RV residents, while
9 simultaneously leveraging the SFMTA to prevent new RVs, new tenants of vacated RVs, and
10 oversized commercial vehicles from replacing those that have relocated; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA and the
12 HSH to collaborate in conducting a coordinated response to process RV residents on Winston
13 Avenue, with the goal of identifying suitable housing solutions for these individuals and
14 families; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges
16 simultaneously implementing parking enforcement measures to prevent new RVs or
17 commercial vehicles from parking in the spaces long-term where vehicles have been removed
18 or where occupants have secured housing; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA and HSH are urged to report to the Board of
20 Supervisors within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution with a progress update on the
21 relocation efforts, including the number of individuals successfully relocated, the services
22 provided, any challenges encountered; and proposals for parking enforcement measures to
23 prevent new RVs or other vehicles from taking their places; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the SFMTA and
2 HSH work collaboratively to free up the public roads in the area and efficiently find long-term
3 solutions for those living in RVs in the City and County of San Francisco, with the ultimate
4 goal of helping individuals secure stable housing and rebuild their lives.

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