

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill 877 - Non-Felony Vehicle Code Violations]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 877, which would remove one of the major**
4 **barriers to self sufficiency for formerly incarcerated people by increasing their chances**
5 **of obtaining a drivers license.**
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7 WHEREAS, AB 877, introduced by Assembly Member Skinner, would amend and
8 expand the California Vehicle Code to allow eligible incarcerated persons and persons
9 previously incarcerated in county jails, who have non-felony vehicle code violations pending,
10 the opportunity to obtain or renew a driver's license.

11 WHEREAS, there are approximately 80,000 county jail inmates in the State of
12 California; and,

13 WHEREAS, existing law requires that a person not be subject to prosecution for any
14 non-felony vehicle code offense that is pending against him or her at the time of his or her
15 commitment to state prison; and,

16 WHEREAS, existing law requires that a driver's license shall not be suspended or
17 revoked or the issuance or renewal of that license be refused as a result of a pending non-
18 felony offense occurring prior a person being committed to state prison or the Division of
19 Juvenile Facilities; and,

20 WHEREAS, AB 877 states that it also would apply these provisions to a person upon
21 completion of his or her sentence of 6 months or longer in a county jail; and,

22 WHEREAS, AB 877 states that it would also apply these provisions and the exemption
23 from the prosecution to a person who has been incarcerated for 90 or more days in County
24 Jail in any consecutive 12-month period subsequent to the date of the offense or violation;
25 and,

1 WHEREAS, AB 877 states that it would require a court that receives a valid request to
2 search its records for eligible pending matters and dispose of each eligible non-felony offense
3 pursuant to these provisions, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 recognizes that one of the surest ways to assist defendants and formerly incarcerated
6 persons' reintegration into society is to assure they are employable and able to care for
7 themselves and their families; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 recognizes that the ability to obtain a drivers license will likely decrease the risk of recidivism
10 and encourage the formerly incarcerated person to obtain employment legally and safely; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 recognizes that Assembly Bill 877 brings consistency to the current law, by making reentry
14 remedies that are available to individuals sentenced to prison also available to individuals
15 sentenced to County Jail; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 fully supports and endorses this legislative piece due to its potential positive impact on the
18 people and City & County of San Francisco; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 recognizes that the aforementioned amendment to California State law is necessary for the
21 betterment of San Francisco when addressing recidivism and reintegration of formerly
22 incarcerated persons and the rights of currently incarcerated individuals.