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Resolution opposing proposed taxi fare increase under consideration by the Municipal Transportation Agency in the absence of improved taxi service.

[Opposing Taxi Fare Increase Without Improved Taxi Service]

WHEREAS, A reliable taxi system is critical to San Francisco's transportation system and its status as a world-class City, a fact the Board of Supervisors recently recognized in supporting increased taxi service through the issuance of peak-time taxi permits; and

WHEREAS, A reliable taxi system - one in which people can find taxis when they need them - is a key element of our Transit First Policy, in that having access to taxis, combined with great public transportation, safe biking, and pedestrian safety, will encourage people to rely less on personal automobiles; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has inadequate taxi service, a fact widely recognized by San Franciscans who wish to use taxis, businesses whose customers rely on taxis, and people visiting San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The inadequate supply of taxi service results from various factors including an archaic medallion system, lack of centralized technology, and a gate system that can have negative impacts on taxi drivers' ability to earn a living - but most significantly from an inadequate and artificially constricted supply of taxis; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), three years after taking over management of San Francisco's taxi system, is now contemplating increasing taxi service, with support from the Board of Supervisors, but has not yet increased the supply; and

WHEREAS, taxi service in San Francisco is currently among the most expensive in the United States, with expensive taxi service discouraging its use; and

WHEREAS, The MTA is now considering a fare increase that would make San Francisco the most expensive City for taxis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taxi drivers deserve to make a fair wage and to be treated with respect and dignity, while at the same time, the public deserves affordable and reliable taxi service; and

WHEREAS, The proposed fare increase will make taxi service in San Francisco even more expensive than it already is, without any corresponding improvement or increase in taxi service for the public; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors opposes MTA's proposed increase in taxi fares and believes the proposal not to be in the public interest, given that MTA has not yet increased taxi service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors opposes any taxi fare increase unless such increase is implemented in conjunction with a significant and meaningful increase in taxi service.

INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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