

1 [Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Permit Strollers on Muni
2 Vehicles]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to permit**
4 **strollers on Muni vehicles and to adopt stroller policies that give parents and**
5 **caregivers better access to public transportation.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) currently
8 has a policy that only permits strollers on Muni vehicles at the discretion of its operators and
9 does not permit strollers to be unfolded while on board; and

10 WHEREAS, Based on feedback from parents and caregivers, it is clear that current
11 stroller policy effectively denies parents and caregivers with infants and young children seated
12 on strollers the ability to board buses and trains and limits their access to public
13 transportation; and

14 WHEREAS, Working families in San Francisco often depend on public transportation to
15 meet their daily travel needs and must travel with their infants and young children; and

16 WHEREAS, One of the most significant challenges facing San Francisco today is
17 family flight, as indicated by the 2010 Census findings that 13.4 percent of San Francisco
18 residents are younger than 18, the smallest percentage of any major U.S. city, and that San
19 Francisco lost 5,278 residents younger than 18 since the 2000 Census, despite a 3.7 percent
20 population growth; and

21 WHEREAS, Several options should be considered to make Muni more family-friendly,
22 including (a) permitting strollers to remain unfolded as long as they are not blocking the aisle,
23 the wheels are locked and children are safely secured with stroller straps, (b) allowing parents
24 and caregivers to request access to lift and ramp deployment to board buses and trains and
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1 receive secondary priority for seating reserved for seniors and the disabled, and (c)
2 designating areas on Muni vehicles specifically reserved for unfolded strollers; and

3 WHEREAS, SFMTA is implementing the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) to
4 improve Muni's speed and reliability; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges
6 the SFMTA to re-evaluate and make changes to its stroller policy in order to make riding Muni
7 with children in strollers easier and make Muni service more family-friendly while maintaining
8 the current standards of public safety as well as the goals of the TEP to improve Muni's speed
9 and reliability; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to consider
11 stroller accessibility when purchasing new Muni vehicles.