

1 [Urging the California Judicial Council to Reevaluate the Fines and Related Fees of the  
2 California Vehicle Code]

3 **Resolution urging the California Judicial Council to reevaluate the fines and related**  
4 **fees for violating the California Vehicle Code, Sections 22450(a), 21950(a), 21801(a),**  
5 **23123, and 21756.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to experience  
8 preventable pedestrian safety injuries and fatalities, culminating in 2013 with 21 pedestrian  
9 fatalities; and

10 WHEREAS, As reported in the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s 2010-  
11 2011 Traffic Collision Report, an average of two-to-three pedestrians are hit by vehicles in  
12 San Francisco every day; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted a Vision Zero Three Point  
14 Plan on March 18, 2014, to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2024 through engineering,  
15 education and enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco released a comprehensive  
17 Pedestrian Strategy on January 2013, which included the key strategy of target enforcement  
18 of high-risk behaviors on high-injury corridors and intersections; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of the Vision Zero Coalition have advocated for the full  
20 enforcement of traffic laws, with a focus on the most dangerous behaviors, problematic  
21 locations and at-fault drivers; and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) launched a “Focus on the  
23 Five” campaign to target the top five causal factors of pedestrian crashes – running red lights  
24 (California Vehicle Code 21453(a)), running stop signs (California Vehicle Code 22450(a)),  
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1 violating pedestrian right-of-way (California Vehicle Code 21950(a)), failing to yield while  
2 turning (California Vehicle Code 21801(a), and speeding (California Vehicle Code 22350); and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to these five dangerous behaviors, pedestrian safety is also  
4 threatened by drivers violating California Vehicle Code Section 23123 (cell phone use) and  
5 Section 21756 (unsafe passing of standing streetcar, trolley coach, or bus safety zones); and

6 WHEREAS, SFMTA's Muni Forward Initiative will address pedestrian safety for transit  
7 customers with capital improvements such as bulb-outs and pedestrian-boarding islands, but  
8 adherence to traffic laws remains an issue; and

9 WHEREAS, California Penal Code Section 1269(b) and California Vehicle Code  
10 Section 40310 require the California Judicial Council to establish a schedule for infractions of  
11 the Vehicle Code; and

12 WHEREAS, Under the 2014 Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule, the base fines for  
13 violating the specified California Vehicle Codes are, respectively: \$35 (running stop signs),  
14 \$35 (violating pedestrian right-of-way), \$35 (failing to yield while turning), \$20 (cell phone  
15 use), and \$35 (unsafe passing of standing streetcar, trolley coach, or bus safety zone); now,  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Judicial  
18 Council to reevaluate the base fine and related fees for violating California Vehicle Code  
19 Sections 22450(a), 21950(a), 21801(a), 23123 and 21756.