

1 [Urging California State Legislature and Governor to Pass California State Assembly Bill 342
2 (Chiu) - Automated Speed Enforcement]

3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor to pass California**
4 **State Assembly Bill 342, introduced by Assembly Member Chiu, authorizing a five-year**
5 **pilot of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in the City and County of San**
6 **Francisco and the City of San Jose.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy
9 in 2014, committing to build safe streets, prioritize enforcement of the most dangerous traffic
10 violations, and adopt policy changes in order to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries
11 by 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, Speeding is the number one cause of fatal and severe injury collisions in
13 San Francisco, claiming ten times more lives than drunk driving; and

14 WHEREAS, Every 18 hours someone is severely injured or killed in a traffic crash in
15 San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, The California Office of Traffic Safety consistently ranks San Francisco as
17 the number one city in the state for seniors to be injured and killed in traffic crashes while
18 walking; and

19 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the annual medical costs for traffic injuries amounts
20 to \$35,000,000, and the total annual economic costs of traffic injuries and fatalities involving
21 people walking is \$564,000,000 per year; and

22 WHEREAS, According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst, people walking and
23 bicycling are at a heightened risk of injury in speed-related crashes; and

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1 WHEREAS, Studies show that if a person walking is hit by a car traveling 40 mph there
2 is an 85% chance the pedestrian will be killed, but if a driver strikes a pedestrian while
3 traveling 20 mph there is a 5% chance the pedestrian will be killed; and

4 WHEREAS, Automated enforcement systems can result in measureable safety
5 improvement at high crash locations; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fixed
7 speed cameras reduce injury crashes by 20% to 25%, and mobile speed cameras reduce
8 injury collisions by 21% to 51%; and

9 WHEREAS, Automated speed enforcement, or speed safety cameras, are in use in
10 one hundred and forty two communities in the United States; however, California law prohibits
11 the use of camera technology to enforce existing speed limits; and

12 WHEREAS, On February 12, 2016, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a
13 resolution supporting state legislation to authorize an Automated Speed Enforcement program
14 San Francisco, and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at their
15 December 15, 2015, meeting; and

16 WHEREAS, Numerous community leaders and groups support the use of Automated
17 Speed Enforcement in San Francisco, including Walk San Francisco, the San Francisco Bay
18 Area Families for Safe Streets, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, California Walks,
19 Chinatown TRIP, CC Puede, The Central City SRO Collective, The FDR Democratic Club of
20 San Francisco, the Balboa Park CAC, the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association,
21 California Alliance for Retired Americans, Livable City, TODCO, The Traffic Safety Coalition,
22 South Beach Rincon Mission Bay Neighborhood Association, Friends of Monterey Boulevard,
23 and the North of the Panhandle Neighborhood Association; and

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1 WHEREAS, After cost recovery all revenue derived from an Automated Speed
2 Enforcement program shall be used only for pedestrian safety or other roadway traffic safety
3 improvements; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 supports the use of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in San Francisco to reduce
6 speeding and increase safety; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect the privacy interests of persons who are issued
8 citations under an Automated Speed Enforcement program, that the Board of Supervisors of
9 the City and County of San Francisco supports a program in which the photographic, video, or
10 other visual records generated by the program are confidential, and are made available only
11 to alleged violators, and to governmental and law enforcement agencies solely for the
12 purpose of enforcing these violations; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco urges our local delegation who represent San Francisco in the State Legislature to
15 support California State Assembly Bill 342 (AB432) authorizing Automated Speed
16 Enforcement Technology in the City and County of San Francisco and further urges the
17 California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to pass AB342; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this
19 resolution to the office of Senator Scott Wiener, and Assembly Members David Chiu and Phil
20 Ting, and Kasen Chu, Senator Jim Beall and Assembly Member Jim Frazier; Chairs of the
21 Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees, and Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly
22 Member Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer Sr.; Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Public Safety
23 Committees, and Governor Jerry Brown.