

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.



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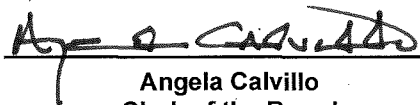
December 16, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang and Wiener

Excused: 1 - Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/16/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Mayor

12/19/2014

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



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