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**SUPERVISOR KATY TANG URGES CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO
REEVALUATE FINES AND FEES FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIORS
IN SAN FRANCISCO**

Effort to address top collision factors involving pedestrians or bicyclists with enhanced enforcement

In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety and better adherence to traffic laws, Supervisor Katy Tang today introduced a resolution urging the California Judicial Council to reevaluate the base fines and related fees for violations of the California Vehicle Code related to some of the most dangerous driving behaviors in San Francisco. This includes: running stop signs, violating pedestrian right-of-way, failing to yield while turning, cell phone use while driving, and unsafe passing of standing streetcar, trolley coach, or bus safety zones.

“San Francisco continues to experience preventable pedestrian safety injuries and fatalities,” said Supervisor Tang. “By reevaluating the fines and fees related to the most dangerous driving behaviors, we hope to assist the City in its efforts to achieve its goal of eliminating traffic-related injuries within 10 years as part of our City’s Vision Zero initiative.”

The San Francisco Police Department’s current enforcement strategy includes target enforcement of five California Vehicle Code Sections, including running stop signs, violating pedestrian right-of-way, and failure to yield while turning. In addition to reevaluating the base fines and fees for these dangerous behaviors, Supervisor Tang has asked the California Judicial Council to reevaluate the base fines and related fees of unlawful cell phone use while driving and unsafe passing of standing streetcar, trolley coach, or bus safety zones.

“We recognize that it takes a combination of enforcement, education, and engineering to keep our community safe,” Supervisor Tang said. “However, we continuously hear from the community about the prevalence of these dangerous driving behaviors. It is our hope that reevaluating and perhaps raising the cost of engaging in these behaviors will prove to be an effective deterrent.”

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