

FILE NO. 000440

RESOLUTION NO. 520-00

1 [Green Taxi Policy]

2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO TAXI COMMISSION, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
3 THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE  
4 CLEAN AIR PROTOCOL WITH A TIMELINE AND SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR TAXIS

5 SERVING THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT by the end of October 31,  
6 ~~the year~~ 2000.

7 WHEREAS, In 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency designated the Bay Area  
8 as a non-attainment area violating the national ozone standards; and,

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to promoting clean air  
10 solutions for transportation options; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Taxi Task Force, which convened in August, 1997, and  
12 released its final report in April, 1998, endorsed the use of alternative fuel taxis; and,

13 WHEREAS, High volume fleets of vehicles, such as police cars and airport shuttles are  
14 increasingly converting to compressed natural gas vehicles; and,

15 WHEREAS, Compressed natural gas vehicles are used in various locations, including  
16 New York; Washington, D.C.; Toronto; Atlanta; Los Angeles; and neighboring Santa Ana  
17 California, where the American Livery Cab Company has converted its entire fleet of 104  
18 vehicles to compressed natural gas; and,

19 WHEREAS, Operators report that these vehicles drive no differently from gasoline  
20 vehicles, have lower maintenance costs, longer life expectancy, and lower fueling costs; and,

21 WHEREAS, Apart from existing federal tax advantages and grant money available, the  
22 City and County of San Francisco is committed to making purchasing clean fuel vehicles an  
23 attractive option; and,

24 WHEREAS, Although The San Francisco Taxi Rules and Regulations, adopted by the  
25 Taxi Commission, restrict the use of a vehicle used as a taxi to a maximum of three years,  
alternative fuel vehicles may remain in service for one additional year; and,

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1 WHEREAS, After trial testing two clean fuel taxis on loan from Ford, at least one taxi  
2 company in San Francisco has begun the process of converting a portion of its fleet to  
3 compressed natural gas vehicles, taking advantage of grant funding through the Bay Area Air  
4 Quality District to increase its purchasing power; and,

5 WHEREAS, The neighboring community of Oakland has adopted regulations, effective  
6 January 2001, requiring 50% of all vehicles within taxi companies serving the airport to be  
7 clean fuel vehicles; and,

8 WHEREAS, As a one year pilot project, the San Francisco International Airport has  
9 granted once per shift short-line privileges to clean air vehicles being used as taxis; and,

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco International Airport offers taxis and other vehicles  
11 access to its compressed natural gas fueling station, which is to double in size to two  
5/18/00 June  
DM 12 compressors and four hoses in ~~March~~ 2000; and,

13 WHEREAS, Airport officials intend to recommend waiving a pending 30% increase in  
14 trip fees for clean air taxis; and,

15 WHEREAS, Without specifically naming taxis, the San Francisco Airport Commission  
16 has just adopted the following goal: that 50% of its landside passenger vehicles be clean by  
17 2005; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Taxi Commission,  
19 working in conjunction with the Airport, to establish a comprehensive clean air protocol with a  
5/18/00  
DM 20 timeline and specific targets for taxi fleets serving the San Francisco International Airport. by  
5/30/00 the end of the year 2000. October 31, 2000.  
t 21 and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Taxi Commission,  
23 c/o Taxi Detail, 850 Bryant Street, Rm. 480, San Francisco, CA 94102, and to the Airport  
24 Commission.  
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### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the San Francisco Taxi Commission, working in conjunction with the San Francisco International Airport to establish a comprehensive clean air protocol with a timeline and specific targets for taxis serving the San Francisco International Airport by the end of the year 2000.

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May 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

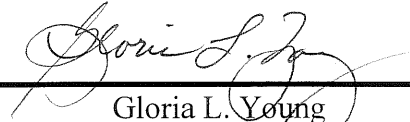
May 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Bierman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on May 30, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



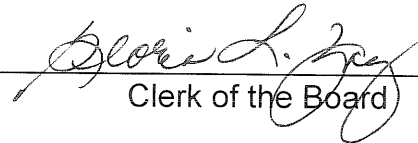
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: June 9, 2000

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.



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Clerk of the Board

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