[Urging SFMTA and HSH to Develop a Joint Plan on Residents Living in Vehicles]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to collaborate on the relocation of residents living in their vehicles into more stable housing while ensuring that new Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and large uninhabited commercial vehicles do not take their place.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco acknowledges its commitment to addressing the issues of homelessness and ensuring the well-being of all its residents, including those living in Recreational Vehicles and residents seeking to utilize public streets for parking and road safety; and

WHEREAS, Winston Avenue, Lake Merced Boulevard, and surrounding streets on the west side of the city, have for several years experienced the presence of numerous individuals and families living in vehicles, creating a complex set of issues for San Francisco to address; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco must balance competing interests, with compassion and fairness, for access to public space, for low-income children to be protected, and for public health and road safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Living in a vehicle is different from street homelessness as it provides better protection from the elements, a degree of privacy, safety, mobility and access to resources, so that vehicular dwellers are disinclined to give up such security and autonomy, but face legal issues, discrimination, and judgement from the public; and

WHEREAS, The landmark Ninth Circuit Court case of Martin v. Boise determined that people experiencing homelessness cannot be punished for engaging in life-sustaining

activities, but that cities can regulate public spaces by providing services to guide people into adequate shelter and housing options; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency each have unique roles that can contribute to alleviating vehicular homelessness and preventing the continued proliferation of RV encampments; and

WHEREAS, It is crucial for the City and County of San Francisco to coordinate HSH's efforts to provide outreach, support, and housing solutions for RV residents, while simultaneously leveraging the SFMTA to prevent new RVs, new tenants of vacated RVs, and oversized commercial vehicles from replacing those that have relocated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA and the HSH to collaborate in conducting a coordinated response to process RV residents on Winston Avenue, with the goal of identifying suitable housing solutions for these individuals and families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges simultaneously implementing parking enforcement measures to prevent new RVs or commercial vehicles from parking in the spaces long-term where vehicles have been removed or where occupants have secured housing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA and HSH are urged to report to the Board of Supervisors within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution with a progress update on the relocation efforts, including the number of individuals successfully relocated, the services provided, any challenges encountered; and proposals for parking enforcement measures to prevent new RVs or other vehicles from taking their places; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the SFMTA and HSH work collaboratively to free up the public roads in the area and efficiently find long-term solutions for those living in RVs in the City and County of San Francisco, with the ultimate goal of helping individuals secure stable housing and rebuild their lives.



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October 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/24/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned	11/03/2023
London N. Breed Mayor	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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date
Clerk of the Board