FILE NO 000038

[Blocking the Box]

URGING THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR THOSE "BLOCKING THE BOX" IMPEDING TRAFFIC.

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has been implementing a comprehensive report to "Unclog the Streets," in order to increase traffic flow and ease congestion; and,

WHEREAS, Gridlock, often caused by people blocking intersections, has reached an all-time high on San Francisco's streets causing major traffic delays; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Parking and Traffic has been deploying a greater number of Parking Control Officers at key intersections to cite those cars "Blocking the Box"; and,

WHEREAS, The current penalty for "Blocking the Box" ranges \$50 to \$136 and still traffic flow is impeded at many major intersections; and

WHEREAS, Clear intersections allow for traffic to flow more smoothly, keeping MUNI on-time and cars moving through intersections; and,

WHEREAS, The City would like to see fines increased for those blocking traffic intersections, particularly during peak traffic hours; and.

WHEREAS, Policy set for "Blocking the Box" is done by the Judicial Council at the state level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Judicial Council to consider raising the fines for people "Blocking the Box," specifically, those doing so during peak traffic periods; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors sends this resolution to the Judicial Council and to the City's Sacramento lobbyist.

SUPERVISOR GAVIN NEWSOM, BIERMAN, KATZ, LENO, YAKI BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Judicial Council to increase the fines for those "Blocking the Box" impeding traffic.

January 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee Absent: 1 - Brown File No. 000038

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr

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Date Approved