FILE NO. 000917

[Taxi Customer Service]

URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO TAXI COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE METHOD AVAILABLE FOR TAXI CONSUMERS TO LODGE COMPLAINTS OR COMPLIMENTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEIR TAXI EXPERIENCE IS RECORDED AND PROCESSED AND TO MAKE CHANGES AS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM MORE CUSTOMER FRIENDLY.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to the concept of providing better customer service to its citizens and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, Taxi medallions, which license vehicles to operate as taxis within the City and County of San Francisco, are issued by the San Francisco Taxi Commission, expire upon the death of the permit holder, and are owned by the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Taxi Task Force, which convened in August, 1997, and released its final report in April, 1998, recommended instituting a 1-800 line, with an easily remembered acronym such as "SFO-TAXI" for taxi consumers who wanted to comment on the quality of their taxi service; and,

WHEREAS, To date, no such centralized line has been established and publicized; and,

WHEREAS, Taxi companies are not in the habit of performing customer satisfaction surveys nor providing quality assurance in dispatch or in rides; and,

WHEREAS, Customers do not have ready access to recourse, such as a phone number to call in the event that taxis do not arrive when called, dispatchers are inaccessible, or their taxi experience is unsatisfactory; and,

WHEREAS, The Taxi Commission has ultimate oversight over the quality and delivery of taxi service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Taxi Commission to investigate the method available for taxi consumers to lodge complaints or compliments about taxi SUPERVISORS

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Page 1 5/15/00 service and the manner in which their taxi experience is recorded and processed and to make changes as needed to make this system more customer friendly; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this legislation be sent to the San Francisco Taxi Commission.

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Taxi Commission to investigate the method available for taxi consumers to lodge complaints or compliments about taxi service and the manner in which their taxi experience is recorded and processed and to make changes as needed to make this system more customer friendly.

May 22, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee Absent: 3 - Becerril, Katz, Newsom File No. 000917

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 22, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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