RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB645 (Friedman), Speed Safety Cameras

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Whereas, motorists traveling at dangerous speeds increase the risk of injury and death to everyone within their proximity, and

Whereas, speed continues to be the #1 cause of severe and fatal traffic crashes in San Francisco and statewide, and

Whereas, countless existing speed solutions are underutilized on our streets. In San Francisco, a severe shortage of law enforcement and court resources prevent vehicular speed enforcement, and

Whereas, other cities in the United States have utilized speed enforcement cameras, including Portland, Washington D.C., New York City, and Seattle, and

Whereas, speed detection systems dramatically shift behavior and have proven to reduce the number of severe and fatal incidents in half, and

Whereas, presently speed safety cameras are prohibited in the State of California, a number of safety oriented organizations are working to change the law to approve a piloted use of safety cameras under certain conditions, and in certain communities, and

Whereas, an analysis on racial profiling in traffic stops from the Public Policy Institute of California points to speed safety cameras as an effective tool in reducing speed-related crashes and also reducing discretion in enforcement decisions, and

Whereas, automated enforcement should include equity and privacy considerations. For example, fines could start at $50 for going 11 mph over the speed limit. Those living under the poverty line should be offered an 80% reduction in that fine and community service. The city should be required to work with advocacy groups representing disadvantaged communities on the placement of the cameras.

Whereas, cameras can be designed to only take pictures of a person’s license plate, and revenue from fines should have to be spent on street safety improvements that prevent speeding (like narrowing lanes, adding speed humps, or left turn calming).

## Resolved, since AB 645 (Friedman) addresses the issues and mitigations associated with speed enforcement cameras, the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee urges the City of San Francisco to endorse and support this Assembly Bill.

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 Elbert Hill, Chair