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RESOLUTION NO. 493-08

[Urging the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Health to collaborate and create health protective truck route planning in Southeast Neighborhoods.]

Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Health to collaborate and create health protective truck route planning in Southeast Neighborhoods. Encouraging cooperation between DPH and SFMTA and the local community in identifying and correcting health and safety related issues associated with truck traffic. Urging DPH to create a truck related exposure map identifying areas of significant exposure to air quality, noise and traffic hazards. Urging SFMTA to create a mitigation plan to address the impacts of local truck traffic on residential communities of southeast San Francisco that protects community health and provides efficient routes for commercial vehicle traffic.

WHEREAS, residents of southeast San Francisco live with the health impact of transportation planning decisions made over the last generation; and,

WHEREAS, heavy local and regional freight traffic has been disproportionately channeled through neighborhoods of working people, communities of color and immigrants; and,

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board has recommended that sensitive land uses, such as homes, elder homes, schools and daycare sites not be located within 500 feet of roadways carrying more than 100,000 vehicles per day; and,

WHEREAS, PODER and the Chinese Progressive Association, together with San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and the University of California-Berkeley, School of Public Health and southeast community residents, conducted a Health Impact Assessment that found significant health impacts from existing truck traffic volumes; and,

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Page 1 11/4/2008 WHEREAS, southeast San Francisco bears a significant burden of San Francisco's commercial traffic volume resulting in harmful exposure to vehicle exhaust and traffic noise for residents and injury hazards on residential streets where children play; and,

WHEREAS, in a PODER survey, over 46% of residents of the Excelsior District reported smelling pollution front exhaust in front of their homes; and,

WHEREAS, I-280 and US Highway 101 collectively bring approximately over 300,000 vehicles per day within less than 100 feet from the nearest residences and result in high commercial vehicle traffic on residential streets; and,

WHEREAS, freeway traffic and local truck traffic create air pollution hot spots in the Excelsior District and throughout southeast San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, air pollution associated with roadway proximity contributes to cancer, childhood respiratory disease, and impaired lung development, and traffic noise causes sleep disturbance, and is associated with hypertension and heart disease; and,

WHEREAS, the Excelsior neighborhood had the highest overall number of asthma hospitalizations of all San Francisco zip codes from 2001-2006, and the district has high rates of mortality from ischemic heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, lung disease and traffic collisions; and,

WHEREAS, West Oakland, another local community impacted by diesel engine truck pollution has completed a community planning process to designate a network of truck routes to protect community health; and,

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and community organizations are making efforts to enforce anti-idling laws, and replace, repair, or retrofit diesel engine trucks with pollution control technology; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has not
participated in regional and local efforts to identify and mitigate the impact of local truck traffic

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diesel exhaust emissions hot spots on surrounding residential communities; now therefore be 2 it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public Health to create a truck related human exposure map that includes exposure air pollution, noise, and traffic hazards resulting from truck and motor vehicle traffic adjacent to and within residential areas; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to create a 7 mitigation plan to address the impacts of local truck traffic on residential communities of 8 southeast San Francisco that protects community health, provides efficient routes for 9 10 commercial vehicle traffic, and that includes the following elements:

A plan to implement restrictions in size and number of trucks, and re-routing of truck 11 1. traffic through more appropriate alternative routes to enable the efficient flow of truck 12 13 traffic

A plan for mitigation of truck and other vehicle traffic noise, 14 2.

A plan to minimize truck traffic in front of residential areas, schools, playgrounds, elder 15 3. 16 homes and daycare centers,

A plan to assist local trucking firms to apply for grants to upgrade existing San 17 4. 18 Francisco based trucks, and

A plan to create a stakeholder committee to advise the SFMTA and SFDPH. 5.

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November 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 25, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Q villo Clerk of t Board Mayor Gavin Newsom

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Date Approved