Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill Nos. 1574 and 1677, authored by Assembly Members Chiu and Ting, and California Senate Bill 812, authored by Senator Hill, that increase the inspection protocol, safety oversight, and local coordination between the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Public Utilities Committee, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for tour bus and charter-party carriers, and for both legislative bodies to pass the bills.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is the 25th most visited city in the world, and tour buses and charter-party carriers are frequently used by tourists to visit famous landmarks; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adapted Vision Zero as a policy in 2014; and

WHEREAS, In the past few years San Francisco has experienced an increase in accidents, injuries, and fatalities caused by tour bus and charter bus operators; and

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2014, a city employee was killed outside city hall by a tour bus, on November 13, 2015, a tour bus crashed in Union Square injuring 20 people, and on January 16, 2016 an 82 year-old San Francisco resident was killed by a tour bus; and

WHEREAS, The company operating the tour bus in the Union Square incident had a history of safety problems and was not properly registered; and

WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Committee (CPUC) recently reported that 12,613 buses are registered, yet industry estimates indicate that around 30,000 buses are operating across the state; and
WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 1677 (AB1677) directs the California Highway
Patrol to work in conjunction with local agencies to create local supplementary inspection
programs for tour bus companies that would supplement required yearly state inspections of
tour buses; and

WHEREAS, Tour buses must be registered with the state’s Department of Motor
Vehicles (DMV), but the DMV is not required to share registered bus information with the
CPUC; and

WHEREAS, This loophole means that one state agency, the DMV, knows a tour bus is
on our roads, but the lead regulatory entity, the CPUC, does not; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 1574 (AB1574) the Tour Bus Registration Act,
will require the implementation of a process to identify “ghost” charters that are not properly
registered with the CPUC, such as the one involved in Union Square accident; and

WHEREAS, AB1574 will reduce the number of tour buses operating without the
knowledge of the CPUC by requiring increased coordination between the DMV and the CPUC
to identify unregistered tour buses; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 812 (SB812) would require the Public Utilities
Commission to monitor recall notification of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
and require the charter party carriers to order affected vehicles to be placed out of service
until safety defects are addressed; and

WHEREAS, AB1574 and SB812 are supported by the San Francisco Transportation
Authority; and

WHEREAS, AB1574 and AB1677 are supported by the California Bicycle Coalition,
The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors states their support for AB1574, AB1677,
and SB812, and urges the Senate and Assembly to pass this package of bills; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to Senator Hill, Assembly Member David Chiu, Assembly Member Phil Ting with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.
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March 01, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 160162
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/1/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Peggy Neven
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
3/11/16
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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Peggy Neven
Clerk of the Board