

Agenda: Item 8

Resolution Supporting Blue Angels and Fleet Week [ACTION]



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At the meeting of the Taxicab Commission on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 the following resolutions and findings were adopted:

Supporting San Francisco Fleet Week and the Blue Angels

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-XX

WHEREAS, San Francisco has hosted San Francisco Fleet week activities for nearly a quarter of a decade, making its commemoration a tradition for the City; and

WHEREAS, in any given recent year, approximately 9,000 crewmembers arrived on approximately ten visiting ships from the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Canadian vessels to participate in Fleet Week activities and dock at San Francisco piers; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Week attracts an estimated million visitors and residents to the City's waterfront to participate in this civic celebration and to enjoy the main attraction: the U.S. Navy Blue Angels air show; and,

WHEREAS, taxi business depends on healthy tourism and thrives on events such as Fleet Week that encourage visitors and residents to get out and about; and,

WHEREAS, business at local sport fishing boat tours, maritime business and restaurant industries receives a boost during Fleet Week's activities, increasing revenue for the local economy and sales and hotel tax income; and,

WHEREAS, Fleet Week draws a regional and national media spotlight on San Francisco, highlighting the City's beautiful skylight, landscapes and cultural and economic diversity, educating people near and far about the attractive possibilities of living or working in or visiting San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Pier 39, the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association, the Fisherman's Wharf community Benefit District, and the Port Commission have sent letters supporting the Blue Angels performance during fleet week to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, Fleet Week would not be the same without the Blue Angels air show, that has been a major attraction for many years; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Taxi Commission hereby supports San Francisco Fleet week and the Blue Angels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Taxi Commission asks that copies of this resolution be sent to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor Gavin Newsom.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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