Agenda: Item 3

#### Consent Calendar

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

## Consent Calendar: Item A

Consideration of the Minutes for the April 8, 2008 Taxicab Commission Meeting

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



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#### TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES

April 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 400

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Closed Session On Litigation:
  - a. Public Comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.
    - Name: Taxi Commission should have an ombudsman
    - Charles Rathborn: City should withdraw from the UTW lawsuit since the BOS already ruled on this legislation.
    - Mark Gruberg: Why were some permit revocation cases delayed for over several years?
    - Barry Taranto: Taxi Commission hasn't heard of some of these cases that are being brought before the Commission.
    - Mike Spain: Most of these ADA cases under Noami Little had a understanding. This lawsuit is costing the industry a lot of money.
  - b. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel. (San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d).) [ACTION]
    - Com Pack: Motion to go into closed session
    - Com Slaughter: 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.
    - AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Slaughter, Oneto NO: 0
      ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0
  - c. Closed session pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9 and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.10(d).
  - d. Conference With Legal Counsel Existing Litigation [Action]
    - (a) Slone v. Taxi Commission; U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal. No. C 07 335 EDL [City as defendant]
    - (b) United Taxicab Workers v. Yellow Cab Cooperative; San Francisco Superior Court No. 457-561 [City as intervenor-plaintiff]
    - (c) Breall v. Taxi Commission;
      San Francisco Superior Court Nos. 460-436, 505-798
      [City as defendant]

- Basada v. City and County of San Francisco; (d) U.S. District Court, N.D. Cal. No. C 07 4149 [City as defendant]
- Yuen v. Taxi Commission; (e) San Francisco Superior Court No. 505-920 [City as defendant]
- Cohen v. Taxi Commission; **(f)** San Francisco Superior Court No. 505-919 [City as defendant]
- Wong v. Taxi Commission; (g) San Francisco Superior Court No. 506-103 [City as defendant]
- (h) Hollis v. Taxi Commission; San Francisco Superior Court No. 471-116 [City as defendant]

#### e. Reconvene in open session:

- Possible report on action taken in closed session. (Government Code sec. (a) 54957.1(a)(2) and San Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(b)(2).) [ACTION ITEM]
- Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session. (San (b) Francisco Administrative Code sec. 67.12(a).) [ACTION ITEM]
  - Com Slaughter: Motion to not disclose closed session information.
  - Com Oneto: Second motion.
- AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Pack, Slaughter, Oneto NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 RECUSED: 0
- 3. The Proposed SFMTA/Taxi Commission Merger [INFORMATION]
- Wade Crowfoot, Mayor's Representative: Overview of merger
- Jordanna Thigpen, Acting Executive Director: Overview with power point presentation
- Com Breslin: What will the merger committee due with the Rules resolutions?
- Wade Crowfoot: Will take them into consideration when streamlining the rules.
- Com Breslin: Will the Commission still be self funded?
- Wade Crowfoot: Yes.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Hansu Kim: This is an issue that should have been addressed by the industry before this was heard today.
- Emil Lawrence: The amount a driver earns varies annually.
- Barry Taranto: Staff keeps using the word merger, this is a folding of the Commission into the Merger.
- Carl Macmurdo: Agrees with Hansu Kim and Robert Cesana that there are no Taxi Commissioners or members of the public on the current merger committee.
- Mike Spain: Driver income should be outlined in the report.
- Jim Gillespie: Collaboration should be included on all taxi issues including this merger.
- Bashir Rahimi: Everyone's doing a good job.
- Michael Kwok: There is no public representation included on this merger. Unfortunate that the Commissioners only have 3 months to include their input.
- Marty Smith: Committee should include the industry and the commission. The industry pay the bills.
- Bill Mounsey: Beware when you are told you are doing a good job or else why would they want to disband 2

- the commission? No one but the industry, drivers and the commission understand the industry.
- Mark Gruberg: Proposition A did not give permission to allow the taxi commission to be folded into the MTA, it was already allowed. The merger is not going to represent drivers and it should.
- Peter Witt: Doesn't wish that the Commission folds under although can see some changes needed.
- Tariq Mehmood: Believes there are other reasons that this is happening than the underlying.
- Acting Director Thigpen: Follow-up comments to public comments. Would like to see the creation of a advisory board.
- Wade Crowfoot: Will engage details of the merger to the industry.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Would like to have someone from MTA to support this. Collaboration very important and would like to get the most input possible from the public and industry.
- Com Breslin: Some questions pending were answered and is fully committed to see the Transit First Plan and needs to be at the table for the collaboration.
- **Pres Gillespie:** Who is the invited to the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting?
- Acting Director Thigpen: This will be a public workshop for the MTA Board. The agenda is still being developed.
- Wade Crowfoot: Would like to discuss with Pres Gillespie this week to hold a joint meeting on integrating the Taxi Commission into the MTA.

#### 4. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]

- Acting Director Thigpen: Staff update.
- Sgt Reynolds: Update.
- Pres Gillespie: Drivers will not go to At&t park because there's only one way in and out.
- Com Breslin: How are we doing on background checks?
- Sgt Reynolds: It is a slow process, will be contacting DOJ to follow-up.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Barry Taranto: Ball game ran late and it took long time to get to the ball park. Hopes with the enforcement there will be a better way of serving the community.
- Emil Lawrence: Sgt Reynolds doing a great job. Are the 1,500 A card holders still driving? Why are there so many i.d.s that drivers need to carry around.
- Carl Macmurdo: Commends Sgt Reynolds on talks with CHP on warning as opposed to moving violation.

#### 5. Consideration of FY 2009 Taxi Commission Budget [DISCUSSION and ACTION]

- Acting Director Thigpen: Overview of budget.
- Com Slaughter: There was a decrease in the city attorneys lawsuit but there was an increase with the Taxi Detail budget.
- Sgt Reynolds: More funds are needed to pay for enforcement; illegal limos, at&t park, candle stick park. Currently can only put in a two man team once a week. We are losing a person and with this increased budget we can have enforcement on Friday and Saturday night for an overtime budget.
- Pres Gillespie: Will this pay for another position?
- **Sgt Reynolds:** This is for an overtime budget for officers patrolling illegal limos, GTU would like to inspect cabs and CHP would like to work on the corridor.
- Com Slaughter: Wants assurance that every penny will be used for enforcement.
- Com Benjamin: I don't think the MTA will be using the detail and we should be saving money for the medallion holders.
- Acting Director Thigpen: Taxi detail will be preserved when moving to the MTA. The budget was configured by ratios.
- Com Slaughter: Wants to discuss litigation budget and wants to see the actual figures from previous years. Believes that the litigation budget can be approximately \$200k.
- Pres Gillespie: There are outstanding questions on the litigation budget and believes \$200k is reasonable.
- Com Slaughter: Whatever is decided on the budget, we aren't in a position to say what the fees are since things may change.
- Com Benjamin: What's the SFGTV cost after the merger?
- Acting Director Thigpen: The 25k would be backed out of the fees.

• Com Breslin: We don't have the figures from last year, so I don't feel comfortable with creating a fee list. Would like the fees to be distributed across the board.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Hansu Kim: The fees pay for the budget of this committee. When the budget increases the fees increases as well
- Barry Taranto: Extra cost for the Detail budget will go towards training and approves increases for that. There are no comparisons from last year.
- Robert Cesana: If you increase the budget, then you will increase the meter since it will occur.
- Mike Spain: This commission has not been modest in its increase. The fees continue to grow out of proportion.
- Mary McGuire: Would like to know how much was spent last year.
- Mark Gruberg: Commission has been underfunded and understaffed. Companies should bear the cost not the drivers.
- Carl MacMurdo: There's been no audit and no accountability on last year's budget. Public safety is big issue since Commission is going after disabled medallion holders.
- Com Slaughter: Strike increase in Detail budget and attorneys budget. Recovery should be placed on everyone but the drivers. Finds it difficult to vote on the budget without seeing figures from the last few years.
- Com Oneto: Doesn't feel they have the information to make a decision. Would like to recommend using the budget from last year.
- Com Breslin: The salaries will be going up so should cover that.
- Pres Gillespie: Motion to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> investigator position, allow for annual salary increase and reduce the city attorney's budget to \$200. Scenario three should be applied.
- Com Oneto: The color scheme fee for the number of medallions is not equitable. And with the gas and gate increase, the cost to the companies should increase. Second's motion.
- AYES: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Paek, Slaughter, Oneto NO: 0
   ABSENT: 0
   RECUSED: 0

#### SPECIAL ORDER 8:30 - 9:00 PM

- 6. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)
- Charles Rathbone: Color scheme changes shouldn't be allowed to lower performing companies.
- Robert Cesana: Commission makes it difficult for independent medallion holders to make money.
- Emil Lawrence: There should be an auditor in the taxi commission office.
- Barry Taranto: Gas is now \$3.71/gallon and gates are increasing this week. Would like to see a break down of the money spent on the Bretholtz case. The add money machine at the airport is eating money and should be addressed.
- Bill Mounsey: Has been seeing gas, illegal limos and cabs doubling, but the population is not. Is MTA going to pay the drivers?
- Mary McGuire: A benefit of being a medallion holder is having the freedom of moving around to different companies. The commission should not limit this.

#### 7. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

• Acting Director Thigpen: Continue item C5- Damein Volynsky to call of the chair, sever items C3 and C4 for recusals.

#### Public Comment: None

- Pres Gillespie: Continue item C5- Damein Volynsky to call of the chair
- Com Oneto: Motion to approve A- minutes, B- public passenger vehicle driver permits, Motion to grant a medallions to Cl- Melaku Girma and C2-Marcos Mora
- Com Slaughter: Second motion.
- AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Gillespie, Oneto, Paek, Slaughter NO: 0
  ABSENT: 0 RECUSE: 0

• Com Oneto: Motion to grant a medallion to C3- Papinder Singh

• AYES: Breslin, Gillespie, Oneto, Paek, Slaughter NO: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSE: Benjamin

Com Paek: Motion to grant a medallion to C4- Manoch Amirehsani

Com Oneto: Second motion.

• AYES: Breslin, Benjamin, Oneto, Paek, Slaughter NO: 0

ABSENT: 0 RECUSE: Gillespie

# 8. Consideration of Hearing Officer's Recommendations in <u>Taxi Commission v. Douglas Wong:</u> [ACTION]

- Douglas Wong: Consideration of Hearing Officer's decision regarding continuation of summary suspension of P-44 Permit # 050561 and P-16 Permit # 180, issued pursuant to San Francisco Municipal Police Code Section §1090(c) for alleged violations of Penal Code §§ 12020(a)(4) (carrying concealed dirk or dagger); 12025(a) (carrying a concealed firearm), and 12031(a)(1) (carrying a loaded firearm by carrying it in a public place or public street).
- Terrance Hallinan: Mr. Wong is a small man working in a risky business. He didn't threaten anyone or assault anyone, but rather only possessed the weapons. Learned a lesson and won't do this again and is facing a criminal case. If he is convicted he will be penalized. He will not be repeat what he has done.
- Pres Gillespie: Why was he near a school?
- Mr. Hallinan: He lives near the school, never was able to get in the cab. Afraid of his safety and will be punished by the courts and doesn't think it is fair for the taxi commission to also punish him.
- Com Oneto: Has there any psychological testing been done?
- Mr. Hallinan: None.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Bill Mounsey: Has been a driver for 16 years and has been in this kind of situation before. But knows the rules and it is against the rule to carry a gun.
- Com Oneto: Doesn't like the idea that he was carrying a gun in his belt and was close to a school.
- Com Benjamin: Shouldn't encourage any driver to carry a weapon. We should uphold suspension of his driving privileges.
- Com Paek: When learning to become a taxi driver, he should remember that it is illegal to carry the weapon.
- Com Slaughter: Appreciates comments of fellow commissioners and if the suspension is not upheld, there is a message that will be sent to the industry. Motion to uphold suspension of medallion and A card.
- Com Benjamin: Seconds motion.
- AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Paek, Slaughter, Oneto NO: 0
  ABSENT: Breslin RECUSED: 0
- 9. Consideration of Hearing Officer's Recommendations in <u>Taxi Commission v. Bay Cab</u>: [ACTION]
  - Bay Cab: Consideration of Hearing Officer's decision regarding failure to provide worker's compensation and violation of Rules 5.A.3, 5.H.2, 5.H.3, 5.K.2, 5.H.16.
- David Green, Attorney for Bay Cab: Bay cab has opened a policy of workers' compensation and notice has been sent out to all medallion holders that they are required to either purchase workers' compensation through their color scheme or their own policy. All documents were produced even after Mr. Brodnax said they were not. Decision should be denied on MPC 1188, hearing officer is required to give findings within 10 days. Rules and regulations of workers' compensation are not legal. Rules come from legislation. MPC does not have workers' compensation law, it says they must follow state law, and they have no employees.
- Acting Director Thigpen: Mr. Green is correct on stating that MPC 1188. However, Bay cab worked to the advantage of other companies since they didn't comply and saved money others invested on workers compensation.

• David Green: No case in CA states a color scheme holder is an employer. A color scheme holder could be an employer but after prop k, the individual holder would be their own business. New laws don't reflect how the taxi industry operates in San Francisco.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Hansu Kim: Agrees with the attorney. Has been asking the Commission to review workers' compensation policy and define it clearly pertaining to taxi companies.
- Charles Rathbone: Commission should re-hear the case since the other companies have been paying workers' compensation for years.
- Emil Lawrence: Workers' compensation rule should be enforced. The commission should uphold the decision for not having workers' compensation. They also have the wrong phone number on their color scheme.
- Mark Gruberg: On behalf of UTW the Commission should uphold the Commissions decision. There is a reasonable interpretation of the law.
- Com Slaughter: Motions to uphold the hearing officer's findings.
- Com Oneto: Second motion.
- AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Paek, Slaughter, Oneto NO: 0
- ABSENT: Breslin

RECUSED: 0

10. Consideration of Recommended Amendments to Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Rules & Regulations 4.A.7,

### 4.B.1, 4.B.3, AND 5.G.2.a. [ACTION]

• Continued to April 22, 2008

## 11. Consideration of Resolution to Support Senate Bill 1519 [ACTION]

- Acting Director Thigpen: Review of SB 1519
- Pres Gillespie: Wants to eliminate illegal limousine language to not confuse the meaning of the resolution. Since SB 1519 is not supporting language for limousines.
- Acting Director Thigpen: The illegal limousine language has is separate from supporting the bill and only keep it in the resolve clause to be able to plan

#### **Public Comment:**

- Hansu Kim: Supports the bill.
- AYES: Benjamin, Gillespie, Paek, Slaughter, Oneto

**ABSENT:** Breslin

NO: 0

RECUSED: 0

- 12. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda; also limited to public that did not speak during Special Order)
  - No public comment due to the lack of a quorum.
- 13. Adjournment 11:45pm

## Consent Item: C

Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Color Scheme Change to:

Medallion Holder Name:	Medallion #:	Change:
1. Teresa Callau	1001	Bay Cab to Luxor Cab
2. Philip Henry Welch IV	690	Regents to Green Cab

# TAXICAB COLOR SCHEME APPLICATION San Francisco Taxicab Commission

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Dear Commission Members,

Y.A. Tittle & Associates is prepared to provide Auto Liability insurance for S.F. Green Cab, L.L.C. with Lincoln General Insurance Company for Medallion #690 pending the approval of transfer from the Taxi Commission, Insurance documents will be forwarded immediately to the Commission pending the transfer approval.

Sincerely

Thra-Griffin

Y.A. Tittle & Associates

## Consent Item: D.

Consideration of the Taxi Commission to grant a Taxicab or Ramp Taxicab Medallion Holder Permit to:

Taxicab Permit Applicant:	Medallion #:	Color Scheme:	Medallion Type:	Criminal Background Check:
Demian     Volynsky*	9018	Black & White	Ramp	Cleared

<sup>\*</sup> Continued from 4/8/2008 Meeting

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



# TAXI COMMISSION MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM

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JORDANNA THIGPEN, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE:

April 17, 2008

TO:

Honorable Commissioners

FR:

Jordanna Thigpen

RE:

**Consent Calendar Items** 

There are a couple of items on the consent calendar which warrant additional explanation:

#### Damian Volynsky:

Mr. Volynsky was continued from the last meeting so that an additional investigation could be completed as to his waybills and his compliance with the rules in order to obtain a medallion. The PCC originally did not recommend Mr. Volynsky for a medallion, based on several factors. However the PCC has now decided to recommend Mr. Volynsky. Staff investigation demonstrated inaccuracies and doubt as to the validity of the waybills. Copies of (1) Ms. Machen's January 31, 2008 Memorandum to you; (2) a letter from Mr. Volynsky's attorney, Michael Broad, which references earlier correspondence; and (3) the PCC's new letter of April 16, 2008 are attached

#### Color Scheme Change of Medallion # 690:

Pursuant to a request from President Gillespie, staff has prepared a factual description of the history of Medallion # 690. On April 16, 2008, staff also spoke with the owner of Green Cab, Mark Gruberg, as part of the research efforts. Medallions # 690, 691 are held by Philip Welch IV and his sister, Amy Welch Chapman, holds Medallions # 684-689. These medallions were formerly held by their mother, Georgette Welch. Upon the death of his mother, Mr. Welch and his sister argued that they should remain on the permits, claiming that Georgette Welch intended to put their names on the permits, but that due to administrative problems in 1978 surrounding the medallion process, the names of the two children were inadvertently left off. The Taxi Commission agreed with them.

UTW challenged the Taxi Commission decision at the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals affirmed the Taxi Commission. UTW sought a writ in Superior Court. The Superior Court affirmed the Board of Appeals. UTW then filed an appeal at the Court of Appeal. However, UTW withdrew that appeal and settled with the Welches pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement, made pursuant to California Evidence Code § 1119(c) ("All communications, negotiations, or settlement discussions by and between participants in the course of a mediation or a mediation consultation shall remain confidential.") Mr. Gruberg disclosed a portion of the agreement by stating that one term of the agreement is that four of the Welch medallions were to be placed with an "as-yet-uncreated" taxi company.

On May 8, 2007, the Commission approved the transfer of Medallion # 690 from Yellow Cab to Regents Cab. Medallion # 690 now requests a color scheme transfer to Green Cab.

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April 15, 2008

San Francisco Taxicab Commission Jordanna Thigpen, Acting Executive Director 25 Van Ness Avenue - Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

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RE: Mr. Demian Volynsky, ramp medallion applicant list number 6-890.

Dear Ms. Thigpen and SF MTA:

I would like to thank you for your assistance in continuing consent calendar Item C 5 of April 8, 2008 before the taxi commission meeting for my client Mr. Volynsky. I also would like to thank members of the PCC Advisory committee who agreed to review Mr. Volynsky's application for this matter.

The taxicab rules and regulations specify the framework through which the PCC Advisory committee must evaluate an application. I would like to outline some of our concerns and clarify existing or potential misunderstandings. I would like to direct your attention to Taxicab/Ramped Taxi Rules and Regulations, Section 9 (A)(7) which states:

"If available (italics added) from their Dispatch Service, every Ramped Taxicab Driver shall handle an average of three (3) wheelchair service calls per shift."

Ms. Toran's letter of March 28th to Heidi Machen, states that my client's "way bills showed a pattern of picking up fewer than the required (italics added) 3 wheelchair pick ups per shift..." The rules are clear. My client need only pick up an average of 3 wheelchair service calls per shift, if such calls are available. Ms. Toran's statement in her letter about the "required" number of pick ups, places a burden on my client's application which the rules themselves, do not.

Ms. Toran's letter thereafter states that Mr. Volynsky's way bills showing less than 3 wheelchair pick ups per shift

"did not coincide with responses that Mr. Volynsky gave at the March 13th interview."

My client tells me that his answer in the interview regrading the number of wheelchair pick ups was that he performed a minimum of 3 pick ups per shift, meaning that if they were available. If my client's response remains an issue, I would like a copy of the tape recording of the March 13<sup>th</sup> interview.

We understand that there were other concerns that the PCC Advisory committee had regarding my clients application. However, I would ask the PCC Advisory committee to review Mr. Volynsky's application while comparing previous applicants whom had similar deficiencies, and who received a recommendation from the PCC Advisory committee for a ramp taxi medallion.

For example, the PCC advisory committee interviewed Mr. Jong Oh on December 14, 2007: Comments/Concerns: Jong Oh was not able to accurately describe or demonstrate the basic skills required to secure a wheelchair, in fact he repeatedly indicated an inappropriate technique. The PCC strongly feels that Mr. Oh should be retrained in the proper wheelchair securement procedures. Mr. Oh demonstrated a wheelchair tie-down utilizing a moveable part of the wheelchair, and not the wheelchair frame. A wheelchair should not be secured by attaching a tie-down to a moveable part. Recommendation: The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Jong Oh for the ramp taxi medallion, based on the general criteria above. See Attachment: (Recommendation for Jong Oh).

Also I am including some of recommendation letters for Mr. Alikhani, Mr. Gasparyan, Mr. Khan and Mr. Lee, all of whom are applicants who had the relatively same failing criteria's but were still recommended by the PCC Advisory committee and they received their medallions.

I would appreciate if SF MTA PCC Advisory committee would address these concerns, follow the letter of the law, and consistently and fairly, re-review Mr. Volynsky's application.

Now I would like to turn your attention to the Memorandum from Ms. Heidi Machem, dated January 31, 2008 regarding Ramp Medallion Applicant, Demian Volynsky. There are a few allegations contained therein, that I would to address and clarify. Ms. Machem states:

"Mr. Volynsky falls short in meeting the full-time driving requirement for the years 2004 and 2005 (three hours short in 2004 and 68 hours short in 2005)".

Based on the company's records as well as having discussed this issue with my client, it is clear that Ms. Machem's statement is inaccurate. Mr. Volynsky did fulfil his driving requirements for the years of 2004 and 2005. It is my understanding that the taxi commission staff, after reviving Mr. Volynsky's waybills, unilaterally decided to disqualify some of his waybills due to inaccuracy of filling these waybills our properly and this may have led to Ms. Machem's conclusions from her analysis of the waybills under her review. If that the case, that my client maybe in violation of improperly filling out waybills, but he is not in violation of fulfilling his driving requirement.

As far as Mr. Volynsky's accuracy in filling out his waybills at the airport and/or elsewhere, we do not disagree. We understand that Mr. Volysnky consistently failed to properly record his waybills, therefore causing his waybills to be inconsistent with the work schedule he was performing and the SFO GTU transaction log or any other SFO records. But this problem does not mean that my client did not drive or that he falsified waybills. The reason for this consistent inaccuracy is because my client's was unable to remember to write down on his waybills all fares that he picked up and dropped off at SFO or elsewhere. On some other occasions, Mr. Volynsky admittedly forgot to put in date and time or other necessary information on his waybills. His lack of attention to this matter will not be repeated.

Mr. Volynksy has been a full-time taxicab driver for fifteen years. During his career he has had many compliments from the customers and has provided outstanding services to the public. On several occasions he has been injured physically and mentally as a result of being robbed at gunpoint as well as accident caused by police car chases involving other cars. After one of these accidents, his cab was totaled and he was taken to the hospital. (See attached pictures of Mr. Volynsky's cab).

After his recovery, he went back to driving a cab. Since then, Mr. Volynsky prefers to work at the airport because he believes that it is safer. This is one of the reasons that Mr. Volynsky's waybills show a high frequency of work at SFO. However on many occasions when Mr. Volynsky was driving a wheelchair accessible cab in SFO by Black & White Checker Cab dispatch company request, Mr. Volynsky left the airport empty and drove back to San Francisco in order to pick up pre arranged wheelchair customers.

Mr. Volynsky is a US citizen with clean driving record and no criminal record. He is a family man with two kids and a disabled elderly mother who Mr. Volynsky takes care of. Mr. Volynsky already bought a wheelchair ramp cab approximately worth \$30,000 by refinancing his property and increasing his mortgage payments. Recently he took another ramp taxi school course and he is planning after getting his medallion to drive day shifts in order to be able to have more opportunities to provide services for wheelchair customers. As a permit holder he will pay proper attention to filling out his way bills and his lack of attention to this matter will not be repeated.

I would appreciate if taxi commission staff and PCC Advisory committee would review Mr. Volynsky's records and make the proper recommendation, so he may continue his career as a taxi driver. If there is any issue that need clarification, I am available to answer any questions. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Michael Broad Attorney at Law

MB/ln cc: Client December 19, 2007

Heidi Machen, Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Ms. Machen:

Rev. Dr. James McCray Jr. | Chairman Tom Nolan | Vice-Chairman Cameron Beach | Director Shirley Breyer Black | Director Wil Din | Director Peter Mezey | Director Leah Shahum | Director

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As you know, the SF Taxi Commission requested that the PCC set up an advisory committee to review applicants for the 25 newly issued ramp taxi medallions and make recommendations to the Taxi Commission on their qualifications to serve the disabled community. The SF Taxi Commission will make the final determination regarding the disbursement of the medallions.

In response to this request, the PCC Executive Committee set up a PCC Advisory committee. The PCC Advisory committee selected Patricia Lovelock as the Chair and Dee Ann Hendrix as the Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will work to ensure that the process for each medallion applicant is structured, consistent and fair.

On December 14, 2007, the PCC Advisory committee to the SF Taxi Commission litterviewed Jong Oh.

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Unsatisfactory

Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Satisfactory

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallior in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

Satisfactory

Comments/Concerns:

Jong Oh was not able to accurately describe or demonstrate the basic skills required to secure a wheelchair, in fact he repeatedly indicated an inappropriate technique. The PCC strongly feels that Mr. Oh should be retrained in the proper wheelchair securement procedures. Mr. Oh demonstrated a wheelchair tie-down utilizing a moveable part of the wheelchair, and not the wheelchair frame. A wheelchair should not be secured by attaching a tie-down to a moveable part.

Recommendation:

The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Jong On for the ramp taxi medallion, based on the general criteria listed above.

Please let me know if further action is required by the PGC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440

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On October 26, 2007, the PCC Advisory committee to the SE Taxi Commission interviewed Yuriy Gasparyan.

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Satisfactory.

Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Satisfactory

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

Unsatisfactory

Comments/Concerns:

This was the PCC's second interview with Mr. Gasparvan, and overall he improved in his responses and understanding of the ramp taxi program. The PCC appreciates the fact that Mr. Gasparvan was re-trained on proper wheelchair tie-down techniques and sensitivity to the disabled community. The PCC still has concerns regarding Mr. Gasparvan's on-going commitment to the disabled community, and we would like to request that the SF Taxi Commission, in conjunction with the Paratiansit Broker's office, monitor his compliance with the three wheelchair pick-up rule:

Recommendation:

The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Yuriy Gasparyan for the rawn taxi medallion

Please let me know if further action is required by the PCC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440.

January 7, 2008

Heidi Machen, Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Ms. Machen:

Tom Nolan Vica-Chairman Cameron Beach | Director Shirley Breyer Black | Director Wil Din | Director Peter Mezey | Director Leah Shahum | Director Nathaniel P. Ford, St. | Executive Director/CEO

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On January 4, 2008, the PCC Advisory committee to the SF Taxi Commission interviewed Ali Alikhani.

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

Satisfactory

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Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Alikhani needed coaching to accurately describe the proper wheelchair securement technique. The PCC would like to reinforce to Mr. Alikitani that the tie downs should be secured to the frame of the wheelchair, not a moveable part.

Recommendation:-

The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Ali-Alikhani for the ramp taxi medallion, based on the general criteria listed above.

Please let me know if further action is required by the PCC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440

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Dear Ms. Machen:

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On January 4, 2008, the PCC Advisory committee to the SFTaxi Commission interviewed Andrew Lee

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Satisfactory.

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Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Satisfactory

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

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Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Lee did not fully understand that ramp taxi drivers are required to pick up three wheelchair passengers per shift, if available.

Recommendation:

The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Andrew Lee for the ramp taxi medallion; based on the general criteria listed above.

Please let me know if further action is required by the PCC arithis time. I can be reached at 701-4410

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January 16, 2008

Heidi Machen, Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Ms. Machen:

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On January 11, 2008, the PCC Advisory committee to the

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

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Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr. | Executive Director/CEO

Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

Comments/Concerns:

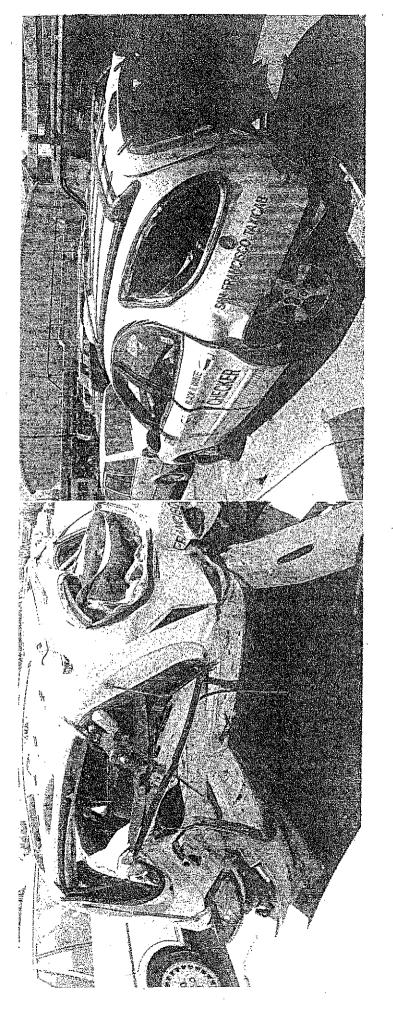
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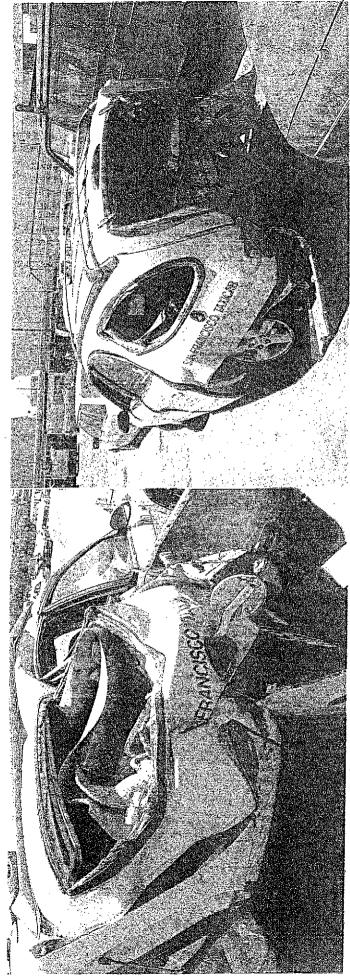
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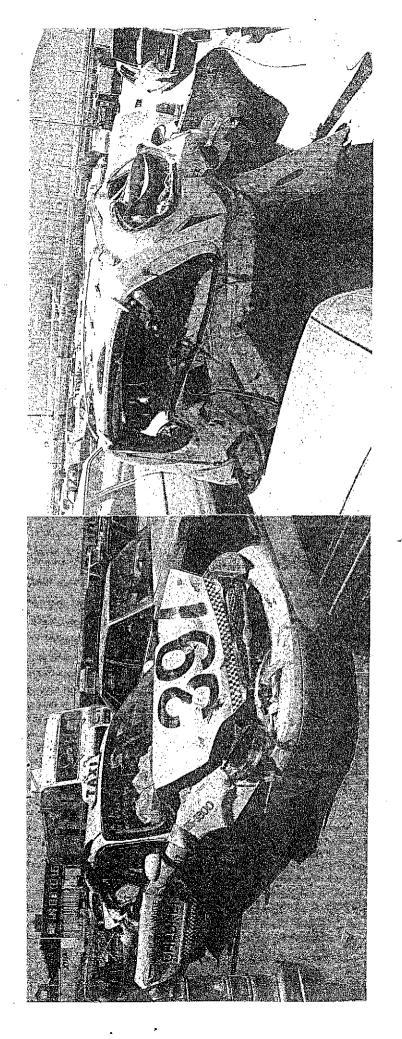
The PCC Advisory committee is recommending Mohamad Khan for the ramp taxi medallion, based on the general criteria listed above.

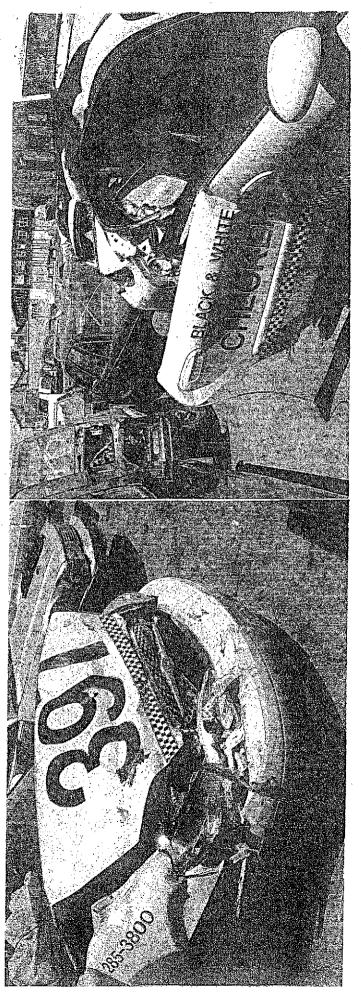
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# TAXI COMMISSION MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

From:

HEIDI MACHEN

**Executive Director** 

Date:

**JANUARY 31, 2008** 

Re:

RAMP MEDALLION APPLICANT, DEMIAN VOLYNSKY, LIST# 6-890

Demian Volynsky is being considered for a Ramp Taxicab Medallion Permit. Upon review of his waybills for verification of the full-time driving requirement, staff noticed that the start/end time for each shift on Mr. Volynsky's waybills appeared to be altered. This prompted further investigation of Mr. Volynsky's waybills.

Since Mr. Volynsky frequented the airport, staff selected random waybills and requested the corresponding transaction logs from the San Francisco Airport Ground Transportation Unit to compare accuracy. During the investigation, it was found that the time recorded on Mr. Volynsky's waybills conflicted with the time recorded on the SFO GTU transaction log-see explanations below. Mr. Volynsky's waybills often indicate that he is at SFO however the transaction logs show that he was elsewhere or vice versa.

Mr. Volynsky falls short in meeting the full-time driving requirement for the years 2004 and 2005 (three hours short in 2004 and 68 hours short in 2005). Over one month after he submitted all waybills for full-time driving verification for a medallion, Mr. Volynsky "found" additional waybills for the years 2004 and 2005 and attempted to drop them off at the Taxi Commission on January 22, 2008.

The Paratransit Coordinating Council does <u>not</u> recommend Mr. Volynsky for a Ramp Taxicab Medallion Permit-see PCC letter. The PCC also informed the Taxi Commission that Mr. Volynsky and Black and White management attempted to make a new appointment for another interview instead of going through the normal application process and hearing.

Finally, Mr. Volynsky's waybills show that he often frequents the airport. With only 100 ramped vans in service, the paratransit community would not benefit from Mr. Volynsky holding a ramp taxi medallion.

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The following pages illustrate the inconsistency between Mr. Volynsky's waybills and the SFO GTU transaction logs.

#### January 6, 2004, Medallion # 397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 13:30 to 23:30.
- Per his waybill, he picked up three fares:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
15:15	15:40
18:50	19:20
22:20	22:35

The SFO transaction log shows that medallion # 397 entered SFO four times during his shift.
 \*Note that Mr. Volynsky is just beginning his shift at 13:30 but the transaction log shows cab 397 was already at SFO 10 minutes before the start of his shift:

Entry Time:	Exit Time:
*13:20	14:48
16:32	18:01
19:44	21:48
22:48	22:51

January 23 and January 30, 2004, Medallion #397

The times recorded for each SFO fare on Mr. Volynsky's waybills for these two days are inconsistent with the time on the transaction log. During both instances, when Mr. Volynsky states that he was not at the airport, the transaction log shows that he was at the airport. This would mean that Mr. Volynsky was at two different places at the se time. In addition, on January 30, 2004, Mr. Volynsky began his shift at 16:00. The transaction log shows that cab #397 was already at the airport from 15:40 to 16:20.

#### May 6, 2004, Medallion # 397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 10:30 to 20:30.
- Per his waybill, he entered SFO five times:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
12:05	12:30
15:20	15:30
16:05	16:20
17:10	17:30
19:45	20:10

The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entered SFO six times during this time frame.
 \*Note that while Mr. Volynsky states that he is just beginning his shift at 10:30, the first entry on the GTU transaction log shows that he is already at SFO two minutes before his declared start time. There are no trips recorded on Mr. Volynsky's waybills before 12:00:

Entry Time:	Exit Time:
*10:28	11:35
15:55	16:24
18:14	18:48
19:31	19:37
20:05	20:18
21:56	22:14

May 27, 2004, Medallion # 397

In this instance again, he states that he began his shift at 15:50, however, the transaction log from GTU shows that his cab, #397, was at SFO at 15:50 until 16:44. His waybill also reports that Mr. Volynsky picked up a fare at 18:45 and dropped off on 25 Folsom @ 18:55, however, the transaction log shows he was at SFO from 18:45 until 19:32.

#### May 25, 2004, Medallion # 397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 06:00 to 16:00.
- Per his waybill, he picked up fares at SFO five different times. \*Note that his first pick up is at 05:10, however, per his waybill he did not begin his shift until 06:00:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
*05:10	05:45
11:03	11:10
11:50	12:00
12:40	12:50
13:25	14:50

The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entered SFO four times during this time frame. \*Note that the transaction log below shows cab #397 at the airport from 15:46 until 15:48, however, Mr. Volynsky's waybill does not show that he was at SFO during this time:

Entry Time:	Exit Time:
10:11	11:52
12:31	12:34
14:19	15:05
*15:46	15:48

#### April 9, 2005, Medallion #397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 16:00 to 02:00.
- Per his waybill, he picked up five fares at the airport:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
16:40	16:50
17:15	17:40
19:20	19:45
00:30	00:40
01:25	01:50

• The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entering SFO only two times during this time frame and they do not correspond with the times on Volynsky's waybill:

	Entry Time:	Exit Time:
	18:32	19:26
Ţ	21:41	22:01

#### April 28, 2005, Medallion #397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 13:40 to 23:40.
- Per his waybill, he picked up four fares at the airport:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
14:05	14:30
16:05	16:35 ،
19:20	19:40
22:55	23:20

• The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entering SFO five times during this time frame.

\*Note that he states he began his shift at 13:40 however the GTU log shows cab 397 at SFO from 12:44 until 13:44. \*\*In addition, the transaction log shows medallion # 397 entering SFO at 23:43 and stayed until 00:49. This indicates he was at SFO for one hour after he declared his shift ended:

Entry Time:	Exit Time:
*12:44	13:44
15:03	15:19
19:53	20:21
21:47	22:28
**23:43	00:49

#### September 9, 2005, Medallion #397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 09:30 to 19:30.
- \*His first fare shows that he picked up a fare at 11:05, however, the GTU transaction log does not show cab 397 at SFO during that hour:

Time Picked Up From SFO	Drop Off Time at Destination
*11:05	11:30
13:50	14:00
14:30	14:55
19:10	19:20

SFO transaction log. \*Note that although he states that he is beginning his shift at 09:30, the transaction log from GTU shows that his cab, 397, is at SFO from 09:10 until 10:20:

Entry Time:	Exit Time:
*09:11	10:20
12:00	13:09
14:03	14:05
17:42	17:53
19:09	19:10

#### September 27, 2005, Medallion #397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 16:30 to 02:30. \*Its difficult to distinguish what time his shift ended.
- Per his waybill, he picked up five fares at the airport:

Time Picked	Drop Off
Up From	Time at
SFO	Destination
17:20	17:30
18:25	18:45
20:05	20:40
22:20	22:40
1:41	2:05

- The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entering SFO five times during this time frame. The transaction log shows cab 397 is already at SFO at 16:33, three minutes after Mr. Volynsky began his shift.
- \*The log also shows that cab 397 was at SFO for nearly two hours between 22:57 00:51. Mr. Volynsky's waybill shows that he picked up two fares in the downtown area during that same time frame: the first fare he picked up @ 23:20 at the Clift. The second fare @ 23:28 on Market Street:

Entry	Exit
Time:	Time:
16:33	17:25
18:00	18:02
19:21	19:29
21:01	21:24
*22:57	00:51

#### March 3, 2006, Medallion # 397

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 16:00 to 02:00.
- Per his waybill, he picked up three fares at the airport:

Time Picked	Drop Off
Up From	Time at
SFO	Destination
16:30	17:00
18:05	19:00
22:00	22:25

- The SFO transaction log shows medallion # 397 entering SFO four times during this time frame. \*Note that cab 397 is already at SFO from 15:56 to 16:07 however, Mr. Volynsky is just beginning his shift at 16:00.
- \*\*Mr. Volynsky states on his waybill that he picked up two fares in San Francisco area at approximately 20:25 and 20:40, however, the transaction log below shows his cab, #397, at the airport from 20:36 until 20:54.

Entry	Exit
Time:	Time:
*15:56	16:07
18:27	18:28
**20:36	20:54
21:52	22:08

#### March 23, 2006, Medallion # 397

Mr. Volynsky states that he began his shift at 15:00. The transaction log shows cab 397 already at SFO from 14:52 until 15:30. Per his waybill, he picked up a fare at 20:50 on Mission Street dropping off @ 21:00. The transaction log shows that the same cab, 397, is at SFO around the same time from 20:43 until 21:13.

#### October 4, 2006, Medallion #397

Mr. Volynsky began his shift at 15:00 however the transaction log shows his cab, #397, at SFO from 14:58 until 15:28. On his waybill, he shows that he entered SFO at 00:15 and again at 00:40 however the transaction log only shows cab 397 at SFO from 00:08 to 00:20.

#### October 5, 2006, Medallion # 397

Mr. Volynsky picked up a fare and dropped them off at SFO @ 15:30. Only 10 minutes later, he picked up another fare at SFO at 15:40. He reports on his waybill that he is in on Polk Street going to 21 Mission from 21:00 until approximately 21:15. The transaction log shows that cab 397 is at SFO during that se exact time 21:02 until 21:14.

#### February 21, 2007, Medallion # 397

\*On two separate occasions, the transaction log shows that cab 397 is at SFO: 17:12 until 17:52 and from 19:24 until 20:10. Mr. Volynsky's waybill does not show any fares going to/from SFO during those times.

• Mr. Volynsky's waybill SFO pick ups:

Time Picked	Drop Off
Up From	Time at
SFO	Destination
15:50	16:05
16:30	16:55
18:20	18:45
20:35	21:00
23:40	00:10

• The SFO transaction log:

Entry	Exit
Time:	Time:
15:01	15:25
16:14	16:17
*17:12	17:52
*19:24	20:10
21:36	21:59
22:32	22:35

#### December 2, 2007, Medallion # 9044, Transponder # 822304

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 13:00 to 23:00.
- Per his waybill, he was at SFO once during this shift at 17:20.
- The SFO transaction log shows no activity for medallion # 9044 on December 2, 2007.

#### December 3, 2007, Medallion #9044, Transponder #822304

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 03:00 to 13:00.
- Per his waybill, he was at SFO two times during this shift at approximately 05:40 and 09:00.
- The SFO transaction log shows that medallion #9044 did not enter SFO during his shift.

#### December 9, 2007, Medallion # 9044, Transponder # 822304

- Mr. Volynsky worked from 13:00 to 23:00.
- Per his waybill, he was at SFO three times during this shift at approximately 15:20, 17:40 and 21:00.
- The SFO transaction log shows that medallion #9044 entered SFO once on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 20:27 in the arrivals area.

## SHUIZ

April 17, 2008

Jordanna Thigpen, Acting Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

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Dear Ms. Thigpen:

As you know, the PCC Taxi Advisory Committee has had concerns about the commitment of Demian Volynsky to the ramp taxi program. Mr. Volynsky was interviewed twice by our committee, and although he improved in his second interview, the group had further concerns related to his way bills which showed a high number of trips to the airport and the low number of wheelchair pick ups.

The PCC understands that it is a significant responsibility to make recommendations to the Taxi Commission about the disbursement of ramp taxi medallions. We take this role very seriously and have worked hard to establish a fair and thorough process. Therefore, the PCC approached Mr. Volynsky's interview process with attention and focus.

During his interview, Mr. Volynsky stated that he did a greater number of pick ups than was reflected in the way bills that were submitted on his behalf and this led us to request further documentation. In order to more thoroughly assess Mr. Volynsky's ramp taxi pick ups, the Chair of the PCC Taxi Advisory Committee asked that Black and White Checker Cab Company provide a larger sample of his way bills and the daily ramp taxi report that Black and White submits to the Paratransit Broker's office. Upon further analysis of these documents, it became clear that Mr. Volynsky has been providing more wheelchair pick ups than previously understood. The way bills and the Paratransit reports coincide and provide some clarity regarding Mr. Volynsky's wheelchair pick ups compared to other ramp taxi drivers under Black and White Checker's dispatch service.

The PCC therefore would like to change our previous negative recommendation and submit to you a new, positive recommendation for Mr. Volynsky. Since there still is a concern about the high number of trips to SFO, the PCC would like to request that the Taxi Commission monitor Mr. Volynsky's service to the disabled community.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter or if further action is required by the PCC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440.

Sincerely,

cc:

Kate Toran for E Paratransit Coordinator

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Patricia Lovelock, PCC Advisory Committee Chair Dee Ann Hendrix, PCC Advisory Committee Vice Chair March 28, 2008

Heidi Machen, Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Ms. Machen:

As you know, the SF Taxi Commission requested that the PCC set up an advisory committee to review applicants for the 25 newly issued ramp taxi medallions and make recommendations to the Taxi Commission on their qualifications to serve the disabled community. The SF Taxi Commission will make the final determination regarding the disbursement of the medallions.

In response to this request, the PCC Executive Committee set up a PCC Advisory committee. The PCC Advisory committee selected Patricia Lovelock as the Chair and Dee Ann Hendrix as the Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will work to ensure that the process for each medallion applicant is structured, consistent and fair.

On March 13, 2008, the PCC Advisory committee to the SF Taxi Commission interviewed Demian Volynsky

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Satisfactory

Experience/knowledge of equipment:

taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Summary of Review Categories:

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that will serve the disabled community:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe

Unsatisfactory

Comments/Concerns:

This was the PCC's second interview with Mr. Volynsky, and he generally improved in his responses and understanding of the ramp taxi program. The PCC appreciates the fact that he was re-trained on proper wheelchair tie-down techniques and sensitivity to the disabled community. That being said, the PCC still has concerns regarding Mr. Volynsky's on going commitment to the disabled community as evidenced by his low number of documented wheelchair pick-ups.

The PCC requested two weeks worth of Mr. Volynsky's way bills to review because the Paratransif Broker's office was not able to find any documentation of Mr. Volynsky's monthly wheelchair pick-ups, which are required to be reported to the Paratransit office by all taxi companies participating in the paratransit ramp taxi program. The Chair of the PCC subcommittee carefully examined the way bills. The way bills showed a pattern of picking up fewer than the required 3 wheelchair pick ups per shift, and did not coincide with

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responses that Mr. Volynsky gave at the March 13<sup>th</sup> interview. At the interview, Mr. Volynsky stated that he typically picks up three to four wheelchair riders per shift. The way bills also indicated that Mr. Volynsky spends a lot of time at the airport. Out of a total of 57 taxi trips provided in six shifts, he had 23 trips that originated at SFO, which is 40% of his total trips. Out of the same 57 trips, he only provided 9 trips to wheelchair users, which is only 16% of the total trips provided.

The PCC is extremely concerned that due to Mr. Volynsky's driving patterns, that if he were to operate a ramp taxi medallion, that medallion may not be available for the required number of wheelchair pick-ups. Mr. Volynsky has not demonstrated that he has the individual motivation to pick up wheelchair riders.

Recommendation:

Due to the above detailed concerns, the PCC Advisory committee is NOT recommending Demian Volynsky for the ramp taxi medallion.

Please let me know if further action is required by the PCC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440.

Sincerely,

Kate Toran, Paratransit Coordinator

cc: Patricia Lovelock, PCC Advisory Committee Chair Dee Ann Hendrix, PCC Advisory Committee Vice Chair January 18, 2008

Heidi Machen, Executive Director SF Taxi Commission 25 Van Ness, Suite 420 San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Ms. Machen:

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On January 11, 2008, the PCC Advisory committee to the SF Volynsky.

Summary of Review Categories:

Knowledge/experience with methods of facilitating safe taxi transport of disabled passengers:

Experience driving a ramp taxi/knowledge of equipment:

Commitment to use the ramp taxi medallion in a manner that serve the disabled community:

Comments/Concerns:

The consensus of the PCC's Taxi Advisory Committee is that Demian Volynsky is not a good candidate for a ramp taxi medallion. He was not able to independently demonstrate the proper wheelchair tie-down technique. He also did not adequately describe the proper technique used to escort a blind passenger. Mr. Volynsky did not have any discernable preventive maintenance plan and he was not able to articulate any specific locations where he picks up wheelchair riders. The PCC is concerned that he does not have adequate. experience in the ramp taxi program and that he may not be fully committed to serving the disabled community.

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The PCC Taxi Committee members have determined that Mr. Volynsky is not a good candidate for a ramp taxi medallion.



Recommendation:

The PCC Advisory committee is NOT recommending Demian Volynsky for the ramp taxi medallion, based on the reasons enumerated above.

Please let me know if further action is required by the PCC at this time. I can be reached at 701-4440.

Sincerely,

Kate Toran, Paratransit Coordinator

cc: Patricia Lovelock, PCC Advisory Committee Chair
Dee Ann Hendrix, PCC Advisory Committee Vice Chair

# PC&N TAXICAB/RAMP TAXI PERMIT APPLICATION San Francisco Taxicab Commission

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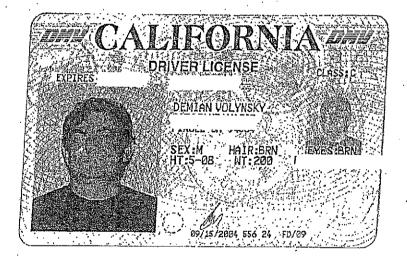
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