WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council is concerned with improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the local taxicab industry, and to thereby provide the citizens and visitors of San Diego with the best service possible; and

WHEREAS, adequate public liability insurance is a necessary cost of doing business and the present market environment for insurance carriers is volatile in terms of the availability of insurance and in terms of the increasing cost of insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the increasing cost of insurance premiums will continue to translate into increasingly higher operating cost; and

WHEREAS, participation in the self-insurance program provided for in Section 16053 of the California Vehicle Code provides a viable alternative to the high cost of insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, Section 16053 of the California Vehicle Code imposes a threshold requirement of ownership of more than twenty-five (25) motor vehicles, which precludes participation in the self-insurance program by smaller equally responsible taxicab companies; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council urges the California State Legislature to take the necessary action to reduce the threshold requirement of Section 16053 of the California Vehicle Code from twenty-five (25) vehicles to any

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financially responsible taxicab company or independent operator so as to enable smaller responsible taxicab companies or independent or taxicab operators to participate in the selfinsurance program if they so desire.

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Senior Chief Deputy

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