

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RECOGNITION OF LEAH SHAHUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SF BICYCLE COALITION

Whereas, after seventeen years of leadership with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Ms. Leah Shahum has developed the largest city-based bicycle advocacy organization in the nation that is one of the most influential groups in San Francisco, growing from an organization of 3,000 to 10,000 members, and

Whereas, Ms. Leah Shahum has been a visionary leader and an articulate and inspiring spokesperson for our bicycling movement delivering a strong voice for all cyclists, and

Whereas, Ms. Leah Shahum has persevered through myriad complexities of the civic process including injunctions, pubic meetings and protests, and the City Planning process, and

Whereas, Ms. Shahum's legacy includes:

Near-doubling (96% increase) of the number of people biking since 2006 (when the City started official counts).

Connecting the City with safe, inviting, protected bikeways for people ages 8 to 80. Recent successes include Lower Polk Street, Fell and Oak streets, Cesar Chavez Street East and the northbound bikeway on San Jose Avenue.

Educating 2,500 people per year on their rights and responsibilities while biking, and more than 1,500 drivers about how to safely share the road with people biking and walking.

Launching the Great Streets Project that helped jumpstart San Francisco's parklet program and helped create more open spaces and plazas.

Expanding bike access on regional transit, including helping lift the bike blackout on BART.

Welcoming more youth and families to biking through partnerships with Safe Routes to School, as well as helping launch Sunday Streets.

Leadership in launching the San Francisco Vision Zero movement that is changing street design and law enforcement 'Focus on the Five' priorities to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Therefore, be it resolved, The Bicycle Advisory Committee recognizes Ms. Leah Shahum for her positive achievements as the most notable leader of the past decade in promoting the growth of bicycling and the rights of bicyclists in San Francisco. Leah Shahum has left her mark in making San Francisco a more livable city today.

Submitted and adopted on March 23, 2015 Approved by unanimous consent in attendance: **District 1: Kevin Dole District 2: Winston Parsons District 3: Marc Brandt District 4: Edward Nicolson District 5: Morgan Fitzgibbons District 6: Richard May District 7: Bert Hill District 8: (Open) District 9: Ilyse Magy** District 10: (Open) **District 11: Casey Allen (Absent)**

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Signed _____ Bert Hill, Chair