

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EMPLOYERS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY TO SIGN THE CUT THE COMMUTE PLEDGE TO EXTEND REMOTE WORK OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES BEYOND THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER PROMPTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is asking Bay Area employers to sign the Cut the Commute Pledge to extend remote work options for employees and maintain our air quality progress even after shelter-in-place orders are eased; and

WHEREAS, the clean air we have experienced since the Bay Area was ordered to shelter in place March 16 is due in part, to the accompanying dramatic reduction in vehicle traffic on our roads; and

WHEREAS, transportation is the No. 1 source of air pollution in the region and taking cars off the road significantly improves the quality of our air; and

WHEREAS, allowing employees to work from home decreases greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and can be a big part of the solution to keeping our skies blue; and

WHEREAS, teleworking benefits include reduced traffic congestion; cost savings for employers and employees; improved employee recruitment and retention;

improved work-life balance; and increased ability to effectively continue business as a disaster recovery or emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for San Mateo County's Transportation Demand Agency, Commute.org, signed the pledge at its meeting Sept. 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by signing the Cut the Commute Pledge, employers vow to extend remote work options by at least 25 percent for employees whose work requirements allow for that flexibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County calls for employers in San Mateo County to sign the Cut the Commute Pledge to extend remote work options for employees beyond the shelter-in-place order prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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