

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF SANTA CLARA SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 915 (CORTESE),
“THE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE SERVICE DEPLOYMENT AND DATA
TRANSPARENCY ACT”**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, Senator Dave Cortese introduced Senate Bill 915 which prioritizes local control in deployment of autonomous vehicle services by preventing deployment in a geographic location until a local government passes an ordinance authorizing operations;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 would empower local communities, maintain safety for pedestrians, passengers, and other vehicles, and establish a community-centered approach;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 would provide local governments with the authority to determine if and how self-driving vehicles operate in a given area through the enactment of local ordinances;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 would allow each local government to set up its own rules for self-driving vehicle services based on the community’s unique needs, including rules governing fares on robotaxis, as well as caps on the number of autonomous service vehicles on the road, thus managing traffic and reducing the potential for injuries;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 has the support of the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council, California Conference Board of the Amalgamated, Transit Union, California League of Cities, and California Labor Federation;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 would require any policy adopted by a city, county, or city and county to include and consider: disclosure of rates for passenger fares (robotaxi), establishment of vehicle caps and hours of service, establishment of data transparency, establishment of interoperability for emergency responders, a process of ensuring ADA accessibility, and annual inspections for safety;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 allows each city, county, or city and county to adopt policies that address the unique traffic safety considerations for its community such as, but not limited to, topography, road conditions, public transit interchanges, intersection accident data, safe routes to schools, limited access first responder emergency routes, and natural hazard evacuation routes, all of which may be adversely affected by system malfunction or failure; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 will go a long way towards repairing the flawed and deficient one-size-fits-all legal framework that currently governs the deployment of robotaxis and similar services in California.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, supports Senate Bill 915, “The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act”, authored by Senator Dave Cortese (D-San Jose).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs the County Executive to send a letter to the members of the County’s Legislative Delegation expressing support for the bill and include SB 915 in the County’s 2024 Legislative Policies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, on _____ by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

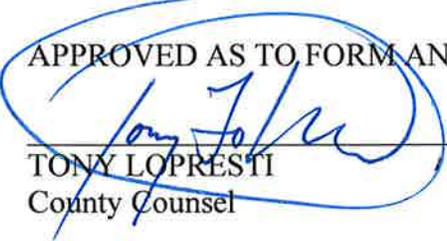
ABSTAIN:

SUSAN ELLENBERG, President
Board of Supervisors

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.
ATTEST:

CURTIS BOONE
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



TONY LOPRESTI
County Counsel