

1 [Urging San Franciscans not to purchase eggs produced by caged hens.]

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3 **Resolution Urging San Franciscans not to purchase eggs produced by caged hens and**
4 **opposing the factory farming practice of confining egg-laying hens in battery cages.**
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6 WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations and the media have illuminated the cruel and
7 inhumane treatment of egg-laying hens confined in factory farm battery cages in California
8 and throughout the country; and,

9 WHEREAS, About 95% of the roughly 300 million hens in the United States are
10 confined in barren, wire battery cages so restrictive the birds lack sufficient space to spread
11 their wings, and with no opportunity to engage in many of their natural behaviors; and,

12 WHEREAS, Countries around the world, including Austria, Germany, and Switzerland,
13 have banned the use of battery cages for egg-laying hens; and,

14 WHEREAS, Municipalities around the United States have passed resolutions opposing
15 this factory farming abuse, including Berkeley and West Hollywood; and,

16 WHEREAS, Retail giants Whole Foods Market, Wild Oats Natural Marketplace,
17 California-based Trader Joe's, Bay Area grocery chain Andronico's Market, San Francisco's
18 Rainbow Grocery exclusively sell eggs from cage-free hens; and,

19 WHEREAS, California schools such as University of San Francisco, San Francisco
20 State University, University of California at Berkeley, and Stanford University have joined
21 more than 150 others across the country in enacting policies either completely eliminating or
22 decreasing their use of battery cage eggs; and

23 WHEREAS, Cage-free egg farms generally provide egg-laying hens with a higher level
24 of welfare than battery cage facilities; and
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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco is known for its values of social responsibility and humane
2 treatment of animals, including being ranked as the most humane city in the nation by The
3 Humane Society of the United States;

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare recently
5 passed a resolution condemning the practice of confining egg-laying hens urging the Board of
6 Supervisors to do likewise, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges consumers of eggs
8 not to purchase eggs produced by caged hens, as well as to limit the City and County of San
9 Francisco's procurement of eggs to those from cage-free hens.