

[Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (Arreguín) - Refusal of Registration: Illegal Dumping Violation Penalties]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218, introduced by Senator Jesse Arreguín, which will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has outstanding illegal dumping penalties.

WHEREAS, Illegal dumping has been an increasingly serious issue in San Francisco, particularly in Chinatown, Bayview-Hunters Point, and the Mission, since the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Illegal dumping is deemed a public nuisance by the City and County of San Francisco due to its detrimental impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Existing enforcement tools against illegal dumpers are limited to fines and penalties not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each violation; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, the Department of Public Works (DPW) issued over 500 notices of violation and over 250 citations for illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, Only about 40% of fines issued for illegal dumping in San Francisco in 2025 have been paid, leaving tens of thousands of dollars in fines uncollected; and

WHEREAS, Most illegal dumpers do not pay issued fines due to lack of repercussions for non-payment; and

WHEREAS, The cost of illegal dumping often falls to taxpayers as the City incurs the cost of waste removal and disposal in addition to Department expenses associated with enforcement; and

1 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (SB 1218) will require the
2 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the
3 registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping penalties,
4 including administrative fees; and

5 WHEREAS, The DMV has existing authority to refuse to renew the registration of a
6 vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has a delinquent parking ticket; and

7 WHEREAS, SB 1218 would provide a stronger tool to discourage illegal dumping
8 behavior and hold illegal dumpers accountable for the blight they create in neighborhoods;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 supports California State Senate Bill No. 1218 to reduce the amount of illegal dumping in our
12 neighborhoods; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State
14 Legislature and the Governor to enact SB 1218; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this resolution
16 to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón, Assembly
17 Speaker Robert Rivas, Senator Jesse Arreguín, and the San Francisco legislative delegation.



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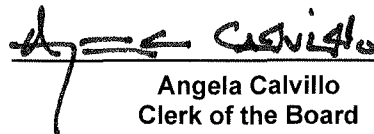
March 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Chan, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

Excused: 4 - Chen, Fielder, Melgar and Sauter

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/17/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

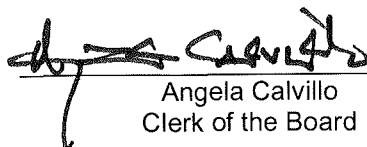
Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

03/27/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

03/27/2026

Date