

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1454 (Bloom) - The California Beverage
2 Container and Litter Reduction Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1454, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Richard Bloom, The California Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Act,**
5 **which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery,**
6 **would establish to promote beverage container recycling and provide for the payment,**
7 **collection, and distribution of certain payments and fees based on minimum refund**
8 **values established for beverage containers.**

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10 WHEREAS, San Francisco recycles 81% of what residents deposit into their blue bins
11 at a rate that is among the highest in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, California’s beverage container redemption program also known as the
13 Bottle Bill is struggling due to lowered commodity prices, closed facilities, and falling rates;
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15 WHEREAS, The program attaches a 5 or 10 cent California Redemption Value or CRV
16 to beverages in metal, glass or plastic container which consumers may redeem at recycling
17 centers; and

18 WHEREAS, The program also supports curbside recyclers by reimbursing them for
19 containers deposited in blue bins; and

20 WHEREAS, Over 1000 California recycling centers, which make up about half of the
21 state’s supply, have closed over the past eight years and numbers are especially scarce here
22 in the Bay Area; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco currently only has one functioning CRV recycling center
24 open at this time which is a drastic decrease from the 30 recycling centers we had in the past;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco recycling center is one of the highest if not the highest
2 volume recycling centers in the state; and

3 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1454 (AB 1454) by Assembly Member Richard Bloom
4 would support this existing program by loosening some of the requirements to start a recycling
5 center; and

6 WHEREAS, The legislation could provide up to \$25,000 worth of start up financing per
7 location to any certified entity that opens and operates a recycling center in one of the 400-
8 600 underserved areas while authorizing loan forgiveness after 18 months of successful
9 operation; and

10 WHEREAS, AB 1454 would provide recycling opportunities throughout the state which
11 would effectively assist moving towards San Francisco's goal of zero waste; and

12 WHEREAS, The legislation is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
13 No. 210618, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;
14 and; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the California legislature
16 enact AB 1454 to support the existing Bottle Bill program and enable the state to use the
17 substantial surplus of unredeemed fees to increase payments to recycling centers and
18 incentives for new recyclers in underserved areas; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
20 County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco's State Legislative
21 Delegation and to California Governor Gavin Newsom.

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