

1 [Urging California State Legislature to Pass AB 1006: Healthy Schools Bill of 2003]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass AB 1006: Healthy Schools**
4 **Bill of 2003 to prohibit the use of the most highly toxic pesticides on school property.**

5 WHEREAS, Toxic pesticides have been linked to acute and chronic illnesses, such as
6 birth defects, asthma, nervous system disorders and several types of cancer; and,
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8 WHEREAS, Children’s exposure to pesticides may have detrimental, irreversible health
9 effects, such as increased levels of asthma and learning disabilities; and,

10 WHEREAS, A 2002 survey of California’s 15 largest school districts found that 54
11 pesticide active ingredients that are known or suspected carcinogens, reproductive or
12 developmental toxins, endocrine disrupters, acute toxins and or cholinesterase inhibitors may
13 still be in use in and around California schools,
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15 WHEREAS, A recent study by the University of Southern California, UC Irvine, The
16 Public Health Institute, Northern California Cancer Center and the state Department of Health
17 Services showed that female teachers, compared to other women of the same age and race
18 in California, have a 51 percent higher rate of breast cancer, 47 percent higher rate of
19 lymphoma and 28 percent higher rate of leukemia; and,

20 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District and other school districts across
21 the state have demonstrated the possible success of alternative pesticide use through the
22 Integrated Pest Management Program; now, therefore be it
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24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 urges the California State Legislature to pass AB 1006: the Healthy Schools Bill of 2003, and

1 enable California to lead the country in providing safer, healthier educational environments for
2 our children.

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