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Supervisor Eric Mar **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

[Excluding Tobacco Products from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Negotiations and all Future Trade Agreements1

Resolution Calling on U.S. Trade Negotiators to Exclude lethal tobacco and tobacco products from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements negotiated by the United States, and urging the appointment of public health representatives to advise U.S. Trade Negotiators to protect public health.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is host to the trade negotiations of the International Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) from June 14th – June 18th, 2010, with trade representatives from the United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a global leader in tobacco control, having recently expanded protections to exposure to second hand smoke. California was the first state to raise cigarette taxes, dramatically reducing smoking rates and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco companies continue to aggressively market their deadly product through insidious ad campaigns that target communities of color, low income communities and the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, Global tobacco trade is mushrooming, and tobacco related illnesses continue to be the leading cause of preventable death and disease around the world, expecting to kill over 10 million people by 2030; and

WHEREAS, The Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement may extend the worst of existing trade agreements, which progressively reduce tariffs on tobacco and tobacco products. The Pan American Health Organization has warned that "Transnational tobacco companies...have been among the strongest proponents of tariff reduction and open markets."; and

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WHEREAS, Tobacco company representatives have served for years as official trade advisers to the U.S. administration, and Philip Morris is now urging Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiators to eliminate all tariffs to make tobacco products cheap and widely consumed, and to eliminate existing protections on advertising, selling and using tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, Public health and tobacco control organizations nationally have urged the U.S. Trade representatives to exclude tobacco and tobacco products from trade agreements, and to recognize that there are no public health representatives serving as official advisers on trade policy to the Administration or Congress; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges our trade leaders to change course to protect our health by excluding tobacco and tobacco products from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and from all future trade agreements; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the U.S. Trade Representatives and the U.S. Administration to appoint public health representatives as official trade advisers in the interest of protecting and promoting our nation's health.