

1 [California Zero Emission Vehicle Program.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Air Resources Board to (1) maintain the state’s zero-**  
4 **emission vehicle (ZEV) production requirement, (2) prevent a near term “ZEV blackout”**  
5 **where no ZEVs are actually required, and (3) provide stronger incentives for high**  
6 **quality hybrid EVs that will provide real “pure zero emission” miles and accelerate the**  
7 **introduction of ZEVs.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco supports measures that promote  
10 the development and commercialization of advanced technologies in California, including Zero  
11 Emission Vehicles (ZEVs), that are essential to improve the state’s air quality; and

12 WHEREAS, A program that promotes the development and commercialization of ZEVs  
13 has the benefit of helping to reduce the California’s dependence on foreign oil in addition to  
14 the benefit of reducing by 95% automobile tailpipe emissions compared to the cleanest  
15 gasoline-powered vehicles available today, in a state where pollution from cars and trucks  
16 account for approximately 70% of urban smog; and

17 WHEREAS, 95% of all Californians live in areas that do not meet federal or state  
18 standards for healthy air; and

19 WHEREAS, Given the recent discovery that smog-forming emissions, especially from  
20 mobile sources, have been dramatically underestimated in the state’s air quality planning  
21 processes, programs such as the California ZEV Program have even greater importance in  
22 helping make available vehicles that have demonstrated decreased air quality impacts when  
23 compared with vehicles powered by other sources; and

24 WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB) staff has recently proposed changes to the  
25 current California ZEV Program to be considered on February 27, 2003, and among them are

1 amendments that would delay the start of ZEVs required, further reduce the number of ZEVs  
2 required, and in conjunction with the ZEV Credit Trading Program, would continue allow  
3 automakers to take advantage of loopholes in the current rule, enabling manufacturers to  
4 delay the production of ZEVs or to avoid any manufacturing obligations until 2009 or beyond;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Adoption of the ARB staff proposal would result in no new ZEV product  
7 until the 2008 or 2009 model year, dealing a major blow to the efforts to advance ZEV  
8 technology and commercialization, which would be extremely difficult to reverse in future  
9 years; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recommends and advocates  
11 that the Air Resources Board:

- 12 (1) Maintain the state's ZEV production requirement;
- 13 (2) Prevent a near-term "ZEV blackout" where no ZEVs are actually required, and
- 14 (3) Provide stronger incentives for high-quality hybrid EVs that will provide real  
15 "pure zero emission" miles and accelerate the introduction of ZEVs.

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