

1 [Senate Bill 1110 - Rigid Plastic Packaging]
2 ENDORSING SENATE BILL 1110 AND URGING THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO
3 TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO PASS THE BILL INTO LAW.

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5 WHEREAS, San Francisco is mandated by Assembly Bill 939 to divert fifty percent of
6 its solid waste from landfill by the year 2000 or face fines; and,

7 WHEREAS, Plastic packaging is one of the fastest growing portions of the waste
8 stream, increasing eleven percent nationally from 1990 to 1995, twice the overall waste
9 stream growth rate; and,

10 WHEREAS, Plastics are the second largest category of materials landfilled by volume,
11 representing approximately twenty four percent of landfilled material; and,

12 WHEREAS, Plastics are among the least recycled materials, falling below ten percent
13 nationally in 1996; and,

14 WHEREAS, Packaging manufacturers continue to switch from materials with strong
15 recycling markets, such as glass and aluminum, to virgin plastics; and,

16 WHEREAS, Plastic packaging manufacturers and distributors are not taking sufficient
17 responsibility for their products, thus shifting the burden to local governments and ratepayers;
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco is compelled to landfill a majority of plastics for lack of
20 recycling markets, resulting in high disposal costs, wasted resources and a compromised
21 environment for its residents; and,

22 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1110 would level the playing field by increasing California's
23 plastic recycling rate and content goals from twenty five percent to thirty five percent, and by
24 reinstating requirements for food and cosmetic containers that account for the vast majority of
25 plastics packaging; and,

1 WHEREAS, An increase in recycled content requirements for food and cosmetic
2 containers would strengthen markets for recyclable plastics providing for the affordable
3 collection and processing of these materials through curbside, community and other recycling
4 programs; and,

5 WHEREAS, An increase in the value and recycling rate of plastics would decrease
6 litter; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 endorses Senate Bill 1110 and urges the Legislature and Governor to approve the bill; and,
9 be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
11 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from San Francisco in the
12 State legislature, as well as the City's lobbyist in Sacramento, and Governor Davis, with a
13 request that they take all action necessary to pass Senate Bill 1110.



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Resolution

File Number: 991601

Date Passed:

Resolution endorsing Senate Bill 1110 and urging the Legislature and Governor to take all action necessary to pass the bill into law.

August 23, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Kaufman

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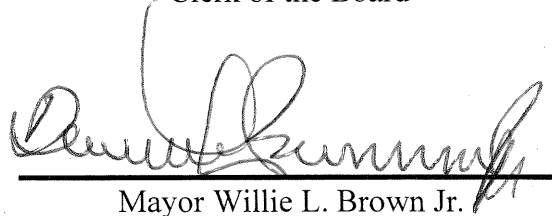
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 23, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.