

1 [Expanding household hazardous waste programs, and supporting AB 1109.]
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3 **Resolution urging the Department of the Environment to increase the number of outlets**
4 **in San Francisco that accept various types of household hazardous waste and**
5 **universal waste, and urging San Francisco retailers, including the new Home Depot, to**
6 **serve as drop off sites, and to support AB1109, which holds manufacturers responsible**
7 **for the collection and recycling of these products at the end of their useful life.**
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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and small businesses generate millions of
10 pounds a year of household hazardous wastes including paint, pesticides, used oil, and other
11 household chemicals; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and small businesses generate more than 10
13 million pounds of universal wastes each year, which include batteries, fluorescent light bulbs,
14 computers, and other electronics; and

15 WHEREAS, these products contain hazardous materials such as heavy metals,
16 carcinogens, reproductive toxins, and other poisons; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of California has banned these products from landfills requiring
18 cities to foot the bill for the development of collection and recycling programs; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Precautionary Principle Ordinance (2003) states that the
20 duty to enhance, protect and preserve San Francisco's environment rests on the shoulders of
21 government, residents, citizen groups and businesses alike; and
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1 WHEREAS, we recognize the unfair burden faced by local governments, residents, and
2 retailers to support these collection efforts in the absence of participation or funding by
3 product manufacturers; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco, with the help of NorCal Waste Systems and many local
5 retailers, has an award-winning infrastructure in place to collect these materials that is funded
6 through the garbage rates; and

7 WHEREAS, even with the current collection infrastructure, participation in these
8 programs is greatly limited by a lack of conveniently located drop off sites; and

9 WHEREAS, collection of hazardous and universal wastes must be as convenient as
10 the purchase of those products in order to ensure that all hazardous materials are kept out of
11 the environment; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco has supported local, state, and national efforts to
13 encourage product manufacturers to take an active role in the reformulation of their products
14 to design out hazardous chemicals and to create and fund collection and recycling programs
15 for their products; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment is requested to work with NorCal
17 Waste Systems to increase the number of drop off and collection opportunities of household
18 hazardous and universal wastes for San Francisco residents; and

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Home Depot and other
20 San Francisco retailers who sell such products as batteries, latex paint, and fluorescent bulbs,
21 to help preserve San Francisco's environment by acting as drop off locations for those
22 products; and

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco retailers
24 and their trade associations are urged to join in efforts to require the participation of product
25 manufacturers in funding and organizing product take-back programs; and

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests our delegation in
2 Sacramento to support AB 1109, the California lighting Efficiency and Toxics Reduction Act,
3 which requires manufacturers to reduce the use of toxic chemicals in their products and to
4 actively participate in the collection and recycling of their products.

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