

1 [Prohibition on Cruise Ship Pollution in San Francisco Bay]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bills 2093 and 2672 to prohibit cruise ship pollution in**
4 **California.**

5 WHEREAS, The cruise industry is predicted to grow in California by at least 25 percent
6 in the next 10 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Every week a typical cruise ship can lawfully dump 210,000 gallons of
8 sewage and one million gallons of graywater into the ocean; and

9 WHEREAS, Cruise ship discharges have the potential to harm the environment by
10 degrading water quality and threatening the health of marine life; and

11 WHEREAS, Cruise ships do not need to dump sewage or graywater into the coastal
12 waters of California or San Francisco Bay as part of their normal operations; and

13 WHEREAS, Most cruise lines follow a voluntary no-discharge policy into California
14 waters; and

15 WHEREAS, These Assembly bills would put voluntary policy into statute with
16 provisions for reporting, enforcement and penalties; and

17 WHEREAS, AB2093 would prohibit the discharge of all graywater from cruise ships
18 into state waters including San Francisco Bay; and

19 WHEREAS, AB26782 would prohibit the discharge of all sewage from cruise ships into
20 state waters including San Francisco Bay; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2003 the Board of Supervisors supported cruise ship pollution bills
2 AB121 and AB906 that were signed into law that prohibit the dumping of sewage sludge, oily
3 waste and hazardous waste into state waters; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has adopted the precautionary principle as an
5 overriding guide for protecting the environmental health of the city and San Francisco Bay;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco supports AB2093 (Nakano) and
8 AB2672 (Simitian); and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to
10 forward a copy of this resolution to San Francisco's representatives in the State Legislature.
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