

1 [Chemical Restrictions in Electronics]

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4 **Resolution urging San Francisco’s State delegation to support AB 2202 Restriction of**
5 **Hazardous Substances Extension (Saldaña).**
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8 WHEREAS, California disposes over 515,000 tons of electronic waste every year into
9 municipal landfills and local governments, like San Francisco, are saddled with the
10 responsibility of diverting these electronic devices from landfills and ensuring that their toxic
11 components are properly handled for recycling; and,

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13 WHEREAS, There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated
14 with electronics that contain toxic ingredients, including mercury, lead, cadmium and other
15 toxic chemicals that when disposed of improperly can contaminate water supplies; and,

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17 WHEREAS, The only long-term solution to this problem is to phase out the use of
18 unnecessary toxic components in electronic devices, which will enable local governments and
19 other partners to find safe and efficient options for recycling; and,

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21 WHEREAS, The European Union’s Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
22 directive offers California an excellent blueprint for a policy to require manufacturers to phase
23 out toxic elements in electronic products; and ,

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25 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a
26 resolution (715-03) in support of the European Union’s efforts to regulate hazardous
27 chemicals; and,

1 WHEREAS, AB 2202 would phase out the use of hazardous materials in all consumer
2 electronics by adopting standards developed under the European Union’s Restriction on
3 Hazardous Substances Directive, and would expand the definition of covered electronic
4 devices to include virtually all consumer electronics consistent with the RoHS directive; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our representatives in Sacramento
7 to support AB 2202 and to ensure that policies are put into place that decrease the use of
8 toxic chemicals in consumer electronics.
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