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5 WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations and the media have illuminated the cruel
6 and inhumane confinement of veal calves, egg-laying hens, and breeding pigs, in tiny cages
7 and crates on factory farms; and

8 WHEREAS, California factory farms confine approximately 19 million hens in barren
9 battery cages that are smaller than a single sheet of paper to live on, the birds can't even
10 spread their wings. Each bird has less space than a single sheet of paper on which to live;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, During their four-month pregnancies, nearly 20,000 female breeding pigs
13 in California are confined to individual metal cages only two feet wide that are so small that
14 the animals cannot even turn around, and in most cases, the pigs develop joint disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, In order to produce veal, calves that would normally still be nursing are
16 taken from their mothers, and four months before they are slaughtered the calves are typically
17 tethered by their necks in crates too narrow for them to turn around or even lie down in
18 comfortably; and

19 WHEREAS, Many states have laws that prohibit gestation crates, such as Florida and
20 Arizona, and many major livestock producers across the world, like Smithfield Foods and
21 Maple Leaf Foods, are phasing out gestation crates as well; and

22 WHEREAS, Other companies have pushed for a cage-free environment all together;
23 Burger King and Carl's Jr. started phasing in pork and eggs from producers that don't use
24 gestation crates, and the Compass Group, the world's largest food service provider, is
25 implementing a cage-free egg policy in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, California schools such as University of San Francisco, San Francisco
2 State University, UC Berkeley, and Stanford have joined hundreds more across the country in
3 enacting policies to either completely eliminate or decrease their use of battery cage eggs;
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5 WHEREAS, San Francisco was the fourth California city, and tenth in the nation, to
6 pass a resolution opposing battery cage confinement, joining Santa Cruz, Berkeley and West
7 Hollywood; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of California citizens are now volunteering their time to collect
9 signatures to put a measure on the November 2008 ballot that would require that calves used
10 for veal, egg-laying hens, and pigs used for breeding be given enough room to turn around
11 and extend their limbs; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is known for its social responsibility and humane
13 sentiment, including being ranked as the most humane city in the nation by The Humane
14 Society of the United States Humane Index; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports California Initiative 07-
16 0041, The Prevention of the Farm Animal Cruelty Act.