

1 [Extended Producer Responsibility Framework]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to enact legislation based on the**
4 **Extended Producer Responsibility Framework policy adopted by the California**
5 **Integrated Waste Management Board that will shift costs and responsibilities for waste**
6 **management from local governments to the producers of products and incentivize**
7 **product redesign.**

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9 WHEREAS, Manufactured products and packaging constitute about seventy-five
10 percent of the waste materials managed by the City and County of San Francisco and sent to
11 landfill, costing San Francisco residents and businesses about \$150 million a year in refuse
12 rates plus millions more in taxes to manage; and

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

16 WHEREAS, When products are designed to contain hazardous chemicals and are
17 then uniformly banned from municipal landfills by the State, the burden to manage these
18 items at the end of their useful life falls to local jurisdictions in the form of specialized waste
19 collection and public outreach programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility is an environmental policy approach in
21 which producers assume responsibility-financial and/or physical-for the management of
22 products at the end of their useful life, so that those who produce and sell products bear the
23 costs of recycling and proper disposal; and

1 WHEREAS, In February 2006, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a
2 resolution calling for statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for product waste and
3 adopt policies that support Extended Producer Responsibility; and

4 WHEREAS, The current approach to legislating responsibility for end-of-life
5 management of individual product types at the State level has been piecemeal and does not
6 provide producers with incentives to design their products with recycling, reduced toxicity, and
7 take-back in mind; and

8 WHEREAS, An Extended Producer Responsibility Framework Approach is a
9 comprehensive environmental policy that establishes requirements and guidelines for the
10 development of collection processes funded by product producers that provide convenient
11 and sustainable opportunities for recycling or disposal by the public; and

12 WHEREAS, In January, 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board
13 adopted an “Overall Framework for an Extended Producer Responsibility System in
14 California”; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California state legislature to
16 enact legislation based on the Extended Producer Responsibility Framework policy adopted
17 by the California Integrated Waste Management Board that will shift waste management
18 costs and responsibilities from local government to the producers of the products, and which
19 will give producers the incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and wasteful,
20 more durable and repairable, and easier to reuse, recycle and compost.
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