

1 [Supporting AB 2449]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco’s elected officials in Sacramento to support AB 2449,**
4 **mandating statewide recycling of checkout bags at grocery stores, and oppose any**
5 **language that would pre-empt the right of local jurisdictions to institute fees or other**
6 **requirements to promote waste reduction.**

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8 WHEREAS, Bags use increasingly scarce resources including energy, and create
9 pollution from production through disposal; and,

10 WHEREAS, Bags create significant litter problems for San Francisco’s streets,
11 beaches, sewer system and the marine environment; and,

12 WHEREAS, Bags are perceived as disposable products and are an impediment to San
13 Francisco’s landfill diversion and other goals; and,

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has entered into an agreement with
15 area grocery stores to reduce the number of checkout bags used in the City by 10 million units
16 by the end of 2006, before the City considers other requirements to reduce bag use; and,

17 WHEREAS, AB 2449 (Levine) Plastic Bag Litter and Waste Reduction will, for the first
18 time, require all California grocery stores to create an in-store recycling program for the
19 collection and recycling of plastic bags, and provide consumers with a bag reuse opportunity;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City’s state delegation to support
22 AB 2449; and be it:

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City’s state
24 delegation to oppose any attempt to add language to the bill that would pre-empt local
25 jurisdictions from instituting fees or other requirements to promote waste reduction; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of the
2 Environment to write a letter to the Bill's sponsor expressing the City's support for the bill, and
3 opposition to any pre-emptive language.
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