

1 [Supporting California State Proposition 67 - Referendum to Support Ban on Single-Use
2 Plastic Bags]

3 **Resolution supporting California's Proposition 67, which would uphold legislation**
4 **banning single-use plastic bags.**

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6 WHEREAS, California's Plastic Bag Ban Referendum will appear as Proposition 67 on
7 the November 2016 ballot, in which a "yes" vote will be in favor of upholding SB270, the
8 plastic bag ban and a "no" will be in favor of overturning SB 270; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year California uses more than 13 billion single-use plastic bags,
10 with 950 million plastic bags ending up as litter in landfills and in our neighborhoods, or as a
11 danger to marine wildlife; and

12 WHEREAS, Plastic bags are a major source of litter and pollution in California, costing
13 taxpayers an estimated \$34,000,000 to \$107,000,000 annually to manage plastic bag litter
14 throughout the state; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the California State Department of Recycling, only 5% of
16 single-use plastic bags are recycled; and

17 WHEREAS, According to a US Marine Debris Monitoring Program Study, plastic bags
18 remain one of the top items found consistently during beach cleanups; and

19 WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bags create litter problems in streets, waterfronts, sewer
20 systems clog storm drains; and

21 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted citywide goals of 75%
22 landfill diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to adopt a ban on plastic
24 shopping bags in April 2007; and

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1 WHEREAS, In February of 2012, the Board of Supervisors voted to expand the
2 ordinance to all retail stores and food establishments and add a ten cent charge on bags at
3 checkout; and

4 WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bag bans and charging for any store provided checkout
5 bags promote a culture-shift among consumers to utilize reusable bags;

6 WHEREAS, 150 California cities and counties, including San Francisco, already have
7 banned single-use plastic grocery bags independent of the state law representing over one-
8 third of the state's population; and

9 WHEREAS, Proposition 67 would continue California's success in phasing out plastic
10 bags, keeping in place a law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 formally supports Prop 67, the Plastic Bag Ban Referendum.

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