

1 [Urging the California Attorney General Bill Lockyer to join several states in a lawsuit against  
2 HUD over pesticide use in public housing.]

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4 **Resolution urging the California Attorney General Bill Lockyer to join New York,**  
5 **Illinois, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and the US Virgin Islands in a lawsuit against HUD**  
6 **over pesticide use in public housing.**

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8 WHEREAS, On September 14, 2004 Attorneys General from New York, Illinois, New  
9 Mexico Wisconsin and the US Virgin Islands along with community and environmental  
10 leaders joined together to file suit against HUD over pesticide use in public housing; and,

11 WHEREAS, The lawsuit seeks to reduce pesticide exposure of families who live in  
12 public housing and asks the courts to direct HUD to promote and use of "Integrated Pest  
13 Management" (IPM), a more effective method of pest control that prevents pest problems by  
14 improving sanitary and structural conditions in the housing stock and the use of mechanical,  
15 physical and biological controls; and,

16 WHEREAS, On Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003, state Attorneys General petitioned HUD to require HUD-  
17 funded public housing developments to adopt and implement IMP; and,

18 WHEREAS, On December 2003, HUD denied the request but did not dispute the  
19 accuracy of the evidence presented in the petition; and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco has one of the highest asthma hospitalization rates for  
21 children and adults in California; and,

22 WHEREAS, The rate of asthma hospitalizations for 13 out of 21 zip code areas in San  
23 Francisco exceed the Health People 2000 objective - the highest hospitalization rates are in  
24 Bayview Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Western Addition, South of Market, China Basin  
25 and the Tenderloin where many of these families live in public housing developments; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Pesticides are poisons that can damage people’s lives and can pose a  
2 grave danger to infants’ health and children living with Asthma; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the California Attorney  
4 General Bill Lockyer to join New York, Illinois, New Mexico, Wisconsin and the US Virgin  
5 Islands in a lawsuit against HUD over pesticide use in public housing.

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