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

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3 **Resolution supporting efforts of the California State Legislature to support**

4 **Proposition 67, which would uphold legislation banning plastic bags.**

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6   WHEREAS, Each year in California more than 13 billion single-use plastic bags are

7 handed out by retailers, less than 5% of these bags are recycled and the vast majority end up

8 in landfills or as litter; and

9   WHEREAS, Plastics bags contribute tens of millions to cleanup costs; and

10   WHEREAS, Single-use carryout bags impose unseen costs on consumers, local

11 governments, the state, taxpayers and the environment; and

12   WHEREAS, According to a US Marine Debris Monitoring Program Study, plastic bags

13 remain one of the top items found consistently during beach cleanups; and

14   WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bags create significant litter problems in San

15 Francisco's streets, neighborhoods, waterfronts, sewer systems, are harmful to marine life in

16 the San Francisco Bay; and

17   WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted citywide goals of 75%

18 landfill diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020; and

19   WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to adopt a ban on plastic

20 shopping bags in April 2007; and

21   WHEREAS, In February of 2012, the Board of Supervisors voted to expand the

22 ordinance to all retail stores and add a ten cent charge on bags at checkout; and

23   WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bag bans promote a culture-shift among consumers to

24 utilize reusable bags; now, therefore, be it

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1   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

2 hereby urges the California State Legislature to support Prop 67, the Plastic Bag Ban

3 Referendum; and, be it

4   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San

5 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to communicate this resolution to California State

6 legislators, urging them to uphold SB 270.

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