

FILE NO. 001440

RESOLUTION NO. 962-00

1 [Plastic Beverage Bottles]  
2 URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO INCREASE THE RECYCLING  
3 OF PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES AND PROMOTE THE USE OF RECYCLED CONTENT  
4 IN ORDER TO MEET STATE MANDATE AB 939

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to protecting public  
7 health and the environment to the fullest extent possible; and,

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco does not promote nor intend to  
9 promote the use of recycled materials to the extent that adverse health impacts may result;  
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11 WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 939 mandates that all cities and counties in California  
12 reduce, reuse, recycle or compost 50% of their solid waste by the year 2000 or face fines of  
13 \$10,000 per day; and,

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has made great strides in  
15 implementing recycling citywide, diverting recyclable materials from area landfills, and  
16 educating the public on reducing waste; and,

17 WHEREAS, Plastics occupied more than 20% of landfill space nationwide in 1992 and  
18 now occupy more than 25% <sup>1</sup>; and,

19 WHEREAS, Less than 3% of the 79 million pounds of plastic used each year in San  
20 Francisco is currently recycled and the percent of recycled content is similarly low; and,

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<sup>1</sup> EPA Report, *Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States*.

1           WHEREAS, The passage of State Senate Bill 332 in 1999 is expected to result in  
2 increased collection and recycling of post consumer plastic beverage bottles throughout  
3 California and the City and County of San Francisco; and,

4           WHEREAS, The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) is responsible for the scientific  
5 review of health and safety issues relating to use of recycled content in plastic food  
6 containers, and has issued letters of non-objection regarding the use of recycled content  
7 plastic for food packaging in some instances; and,

8           WHEREAS, Emerging technologies have assisted in expanding the use of recycled  
9 content in plastic packaging, and additional commitment and research should lead to  
10 increased opportunities for use of recycled plastic materials in the future; and,

11           WHEREAS, The impact of State Senate Bill 332 notwithstanding, it is the desire of the  
12 City and County of San Francisco to increase by even more the recycling of plastic beverage  
13 bottles, reuse valuable resources and reduce the dependence of landfill disposal as a means  
14 by which to meet the goals as set forth by State Assembly Bill 939; and,

15           WHEREAS, It is the desire of the City and County of San Francisco to not only expand  
16 by resin type the amount of plastic beverage bottles collected in recycling programs, but also  
17 to ensure the viability of end use markets for the new resin bottles to be collected; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 directs the Solid Waste Management Program to monitor the impact that State Senate Bill  
21 332 has upon the collection, marketing and recycling of all plastic beverage bottles, and make  
22 every effort to expand San Francisco's Curbside, Apartment and Small Business Recycling  
23 Program to include all plastic beverage bottles; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
25 Francisco urges Norcal Waste Systems, Inc. and its companies serving San Francisco to

1 make a good faith effort by working with the Solid Waste Management Program and the  
2 plastics industry to secure viable markets for and collect all plastic beverage bottles in San  
3 Francisco's Curbside, Apartment and Small Business Recycling Program; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
5 Francisco directs the Solid Waste Management Program to set a goal of increasing recycling  
6 of plastic beverage bottles with a minimum goal of increasing the recycling of plastic  
7 beverage bottles collected in San Francisco's Curbside, Apartment and Small Business  
8 Recycling Program by 5% each year for each of the next three years; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
10 Francisco direct Purchasing and all other City Departments to restrict future contracts with  
11 beverage companies or vendors that sell plastic beverage bottles to include only beverage  
12 containers that are accepted for recycling in San Francisco's Curbside, Apartment and Small  
13 Business Recycling Program as outlined in the next paragraph; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That if San Francisco's Curbside, Apartment and Small  
15 Business Recycling Program is not able to include all plastic beverage bottles in its collection  
16 program within one year from the date of enactment of this resolution, the Board of  
17 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Solid Waste Management  
18 Program to determine why a particular resin type is not included and evaluate whether to  
19 direct Purchasing and all other City Departments to restrict future contracts with beverage  
20 companies or vendors that sell plastic beverage bottles made of the resin or resins not  
21 included in the recycling program to those who provide beverages in plastic bottles with at  
22 least 10% recycled content by the end of the year 2002, and at least 25% recycled content by  
23 the end of the year 2003, and the evaluation by the Solid Waste Management Program shall  
24 include a review of current technology and FDA letters of non-objection; and be it  
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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
2 Francisco directs the Solid Waste Management Program to work with the plastics industry  
3 and its partners to establish new opportunities for the recycling of plastic beverage bottles in  
4 specialized venues, such as stadiums and special events, and be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
6 Francisco direct all City departments to provide recycling receptacles for recyclable beverage  
7 containers where beverages are dispensed and to ensure that these containers are recycled.

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to increase the recycling of plastic beverage bottles and promote the use of recycled content in order to meet state mandate AB 939.

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November 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,  
Teng, Yaki  
Absent: 1 - Yee

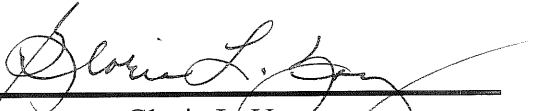
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 6, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.