

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (Arreguín) - Refusal of Registration: Illegal  
2 Dumping Violation Penalties]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218, introduced by Senator**  
4 **Jesse Arreguín, which will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew**  
5 **the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has outstanding illegal**  
6 **dumping penalties.**

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8 WHEREAS, Illegal dumping has been an increasingly serious issue in San Francisco,  
9 particularly in Chinatown, Bayview-Hunters Point, and the Mission, since the COVID-19  
10 pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, Illegal dumping is deemed a public nuisance by the City and County of  
12 San Francisco due to its detrimental impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, Existing enforcement tools against illegal dumpers are limited to fines and  
15 penalties not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each violation; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2025, the Department of Public Works (DPW) issued over 500 notices  
17 of violation and over 250 citations for illegal dumping; and

18 WHEREAS, Only about 40% of fines issued for illegal dumping in San Francisco in  
19 2025 have been paid, leaving tens of thousands of dollars in fines uncollected; and

20 WHEREAS, Most illegal dumpers do not pay issued fines due to lack of repercussions  
21 for non-payment; and

22 WHEREAS, The cost of illegal dumping often falls to taxpayers as the City incurs the  
23 cost of waste removal and disposal in addition to Department expenses associated with  
24 enforcement; and

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1           WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (SB 1218) will require the  
2 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the  
3 registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping penalties,  
4 including administrative fees; and

5           WHEREAS, The DMV has existing authority to refuse to renew the registration of a  
6 vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has a delinquent parking ticket; and

7           WHEREAS, SB 1218 would provide a stronger tool to discourage illegal dumping  
8 behavior and hold illegal dumpers accountable for the blight they create in neighborhoods;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 supports California State Senate Bill No. 1218 to reduce the amount of illegal dumping in our  
12 neighborhoods; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
14 Legislature and the Governor to enact SB 1218; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this resolution  
16 to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón, Assembly  
17 Speaker Robert Rivas, Senator Jesse Arreguín, and the San Francisco legislative delegation.

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