

1 ~~[Urging the United States Senate to immediately ratify Annex VI of the International~~
2 ~~Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Urging the Port of San Francisco to~~
3 ~~prohibit any vessels that uses heavy bunker oil from docking on Port property.]~~

4 **Resolution urging the Port of San Francisco to prohibit any vessels that uses heavy**
5 **bunker oil from docking on Port property urging the United States Senate to**
6 **immediately ratify Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of**
7 **Pollution from Ships.**

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9 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2007, the cargo vessel Cosco Busan collided with the
10 Bay Bridge, leaking 58,000 gallons of heavy bunker oil into the San Francisco Bay; and,

11 WHEREAS, Because of the high concentrations of sulfur, 2.5 percent and carcinogenic
12 polycyclic aromatics, 13-18 percent, heavy bunker oil is considered to be the most damaging
13 to the environment of all the marine fuels; and,

14 WHEREAS, These concentrations are compared with sulfur fuels such as marine
15 diesel oil and marine gas oil which each have a sulfur content of approximately one half
16 percent; and,

17 WHEREAS, High concentrations of sulfur and polycyclic aromatics in heavy bunker oil
18 contribute to acid rain and other environmental catastrophes; and,

19 WHEREAS, High concentrations of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatics and sulfur also
20 make spills of heavy bunker oil, particularly damaging to the marine environment as well as
21 clean up crews; and,

22 WHEREAS, Because of its comparatively low price, heavy bunker oil is used by a large
23 percentage of the world's cargo vessels, including those that dock in the Ports of the San
24 Francisco Bay; and,

1 WHEREAS, Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution
2 from Ships (MARPOL Annex VI) would allow the United States to prohibit the use of bunker oil
3 within 200 miles of the west coast; and,

4 WHEREAS, The United States Senate has not yet ratified MARPOL Annex VI, now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 urges the Port of San Francisco to prohibit any vessels that use high sulfur heavy bunker oil
8 from docking on any Port Properties; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges all Ports located within the San
10 Francisco to jointly prohibit the use of heavy bunker oil by ships which dock in the San
11 Francisco Bay; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
13 to send a copy of this resolution to the directors of the San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond
14 and Redwood City Ports.

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Senate of the United States of
16 America to immediately ratify Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of
17 Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex VI); and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Environmental Protection Agency to,
19 upon ratification of MARPOL Annex VI, immediately prohibit the use of bunker oil within 200
20 miles of the west coast of the United States; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
22 to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein and the Administrator of
23 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.