

1 [AB 1612-Cigarette Pollution and Litter Prevention Act of 2005]

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3 **Resolution in support of AB 1612, the Cigarette Pollution and Litter Prevention Act of**
4 **2005, by the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Cigarette butts have been found to be the single most commonly littered
7 item on California beaches and roadway accounting for over 20% of items collected at
8 community cleanups; and,

9 WHEREAS, Discarded cigarettes are regularly flushed into the storm drain system by
10 rain and other water run-off releasing chemicals capable of leaching into surrounding water
11 where they can degrade water quality; and,

12 WHEREAS, Most cases of nicotine poisoning in children result from ingestion of
13 cigarettes; and,

14 WHEREAS, Cigarette filters composed of cellulose acetate can persist in the
15 environment as long as other forms of plastic; and,

16 WHEREAS, Local costs to meet US EPA mandates for reducing the Toxic maximum
17 Daily Load (TMDL) of litter to 'zero' is expected to cost public agencies and ultimately
18 taxpayers, more than \$1.7 billion over the next decade; and,

19 WHEREAS, AB 1612 would require cigarette manufacturers to adopt some
20 responsibility for cleaning up the problems they are causing by paying a specified fee per
21 pack; and,

22 WHEREAS, Public education and outreach programs will be developed to inform the
23 public about the impacts of cigarette pollution and litter; and,

24 WHEREAS, Funds will be used for smoking prevention and cessation programs that
25 will result in the reduction of cigarette litter; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports AB 1612, the Cigarette Pollution
2 and Litter Prevention Act of 2005.

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