

1 [Supporting The Clean Air for Children, Seniors, and Working Families Act]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Assembly Bill 622,**  
4 **The Clean Air for Children, Seniors, and Working Families Act.**  
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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is  
7 deeply concerned about the public health and safety risks posed by aerial spraying; and

8 WHEREAS, Aerial pesticide spraying is an outdated, inefficient practice that poses  
9 unacceptable exposure and risks; and

10 WHEREAS, Multiple scientific and other sources including the U.S. Office of  
11 Technology Assessment estimate that about 40 percent of an aerial pesticide application  
12 leaves the “target area” and that less than 1 percent actually reaches the “target pest”; and

13 WHEREAS, Airborne pesticide exposure is responsible for acute poisonings and for  
14 chronic illnesses including asthma, cancer, neurological disorders, birth defects, miscarriages,  
15 and other reproductive effects; and

16 WHEREAS, Children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with compromised  
17 immune systems and chronic illness, are more vulnerable to the adverse health effects of  
18 pesticide exposure; and

19 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emphasizes that children are  
20 at a greater risk for some pesticides, as their internal organs are still developing and  
21 maturing, and their immune systems may provide less natural protection than those of adults;  
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23 WHEREAS, The elderly and those already ill are especially susceptible to adverse  
24 effects from pesticide exposure because of the extra vulnerability of their respiratory systems  
25 and lower immune function; and

1           WHEREAS, The California Department of Pesticide Regulation annual reports of the  
2 numbers of people poisoned by aerial pesticide spray exposure does not account for the  
3 long-term effects of pesticide exposure, such as cancer and birth defects; and

4           WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area were among those  
5 targeted for blanket aerial pesticide spray for the Light Brown Apple Moth in 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area contain numerous  
7 sites where sensitive populations congregate, including schools, hospitals, day care centers,  
8 senior citizen centers and residential care homes; and

9           WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area opposes food  
10 production practices that put the residents of any area at risk of aerial pesticide exposure;  
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12           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 622, the Clean Air for Children, Seniors, and Working  
13 Families Act, would establish a safety zone of no less than three and three tenths miles from  
14 the aerial application of pesticides around school, hospitals, day care centers, senior citizen  
15 centers, residential care homes and farm labor camps so that people in those areas can live,  
16 work, go to school without fear of pesticide exposure; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports and endorses AB  
18 622, the Clean Air for Children Seniors and Working Families Act and urges the California  
19 Assembly and Senate to pass AB 622, and urges the Governor to sign AB 622 into law.