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May 5, 2015

The Honorable David Chiu  
Assistant Speaker Pro-Tempore  
California State Assembly  
California State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 155-15

Dear Honorable Assistant Speaker Pro-Tempore Chiu:


On April 21, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 155-15 (Opposing Fast Tracking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Expressing Concerns about Elements of the TPP, and Supporting Fair Trade Practices that Protect Jobs, Workers, the Environment, Public Health, and the Free and Open Internet), which was enacted on May 1, 2015.

This resolution directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following documents to your attention:

- One (1) certified copy of Resolution No. 155-15 (File No. 150375)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



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Resolution

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Sponsors: Avalos; Campos and Mar

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May 05, 2015

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Peggy Nevin

for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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FILE NO. 150375

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16 and Vietnam--are engaged in closed door negotiations to sign a Trans-Pacific Partnership  
17 Agreement (TPP); and

18 WHEREAS, On November 12, 2011, the Office of the United States Trade  
19 Representative (USTR) announced that the goal of the TPP is to "enhance trade and  
20 investment among the TPP partner countries, promote innovation, economic growth and  
21 development, and support the creation and retention of jobs;" and

22 WHEREAS, The USTR states that the TPP will cover all aspects of commercial  
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1 property, labor, human rights, agriculture, natural resources, the environment, government  
2 procurement, financial services, healthcare, telecommunications, and energy; and

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4 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Global Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
5 (GATT) have resulted in the erosion of domestic jobs, environmental, workplace and public  
6 health standards here in the United States and abroad; and

7 WHEREAS, The growing trade deficits exacerbated by NAFTA and GATT displaced  
8 nearly 700,000 jobs, and trade deficits with China since China's accession to the World Trade  
9 Organization have resulted in the loss of 3.2 million jobs, more than 2 million of them in  
10 manufacturing; and

11 WHEREAS, The off-shoring of manufacturing and service jobs deprives local, state,  
12 and federal governments of sorely needed revenues, jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of  
13 federal, state, county, and municipal employees and construction workers whose jobs depend  
14 upon infrastructure building, repair, and maintenance; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco strongly supports international fair  
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17 along with high standards for workers, the environment, free speech, privacy rights, and  
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20 raised concerns among digital civil liberties groups that it would extend restrictive intellectual  
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22 journalists and whistleblowers, and stifle technological innovation; and

23 WHEREAS, The January 2015 draft of the Investment Chapter of the TPP includes  
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25 excessive power to undermine national and local authority to create reasonable rules and

1 regulations, including those related to environmental safeguards, future climate policy, food  
2 safety standards, balanced copyright rules, public health protections including tobacco control  
3 measures and access to affordable medicines, and specific protections for American jobs; and

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8 tribunals; and

9 WHEREAS, Foreign investors have already used NAFTA’s ISDS provisions to  
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13 of a Trade Promotion Authority bill (also known as “Fast Track authority”) that would give the  
14 president the authority to negotiate a TPP agreement that Congress would only be able to  
15 approve or disapprove but not amend or filibuster; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2007, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 323-07 calling  
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21 WHEREAS, Traditional Fast Track authority has effectively shut state and local  
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6           WHEREAS, In November 2013, 151 Democratic members of the House of  
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8 expressing their opposition to delegating Congress's constitutional authority over trade policy  
9 through "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority; and

10           WHEREAS, Concerns about the lack of transparency about proposed elements of the  
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13           WHEREAS, The Senate Finance Committee Chairperson Orrin Hatch announced that  
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23 Investment Chapter of the TPP related to "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" provisions; and,  
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Angela Calvillo  
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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/1/15

Date Approved



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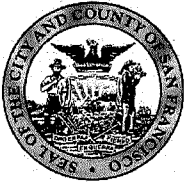
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12 sector commitments;

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Resolution

File Number: 150375

Date Passed: April 21, 2015

Resolution urging San Francisco's representatives in Congress to oppose Trade Promotion Authority ("Fast Track Authority") for the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP); expressing concerns about draft elements of the TPP; and supporting fair trade practices and agreements that protect jobs, workers, the environment, public health, and the free and open Internet to improve the quality of life in all signatory countries, maintain the integrity and sovereignty of our judicial system, promote free speech, privacy rights, and protection of whistleblowers, and to prevent multinational corporations from being granted excessive power to undermine national and local governmental authority to create reasonable rules and regulations.

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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File No. 150375

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/21/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/1/15

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo  
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Clerk of the Board

5/1/15  
Date

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May 5, 2015

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, District of Columbia 20520

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 155-15

Dear Honorable Senator Feinstein:

On April 21, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 155-15 (Opposing Fast Tracking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Expressing Concerns about Elements of the TPP, and Supporting Fair Trade Practices that Protect Jobs, Workers, the Environment, Public Health, and the Free and Open Internet), which was enacted on May 1, 2015.

This resolution directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following documents to your attention:

- One (1) certified copy of Resolution No. 155-15 (File No. 150375)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Calvillo".

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



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150375 [ Opposing Fast Tracking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Expressing Concerns about Elements of the TPP, and Supporting Fair Trade Practices that Protect Jobs, Workers, the Environment, Public Health, and the Free and Open Internet ]

Sponsors: Avalos; Campos and Mar

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4/21/2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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5/1/2015 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 05, 2015

Date

Peggy Nevill
for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Resolution

File Number: 150375

Date Passed: April 21, 2015

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April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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File No. 150375

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/21/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/1/15

Date Approved

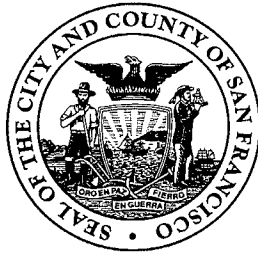
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Angela Calvillo  
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Clerk of the Board

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Date

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May 5, 2015

The Honorable Jackie Speier  
United States House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 155-15

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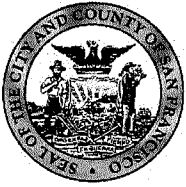
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May 05, 2015

Date

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

AMENDED IN BOARD

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12 sector commitments;

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Tails  
Resolution

File Number: 150375

Date Passed: April 21, 2015

Resolution urging San Francisco's representatives in Congress to oppose Trade Promotion Authority ("Fast Track Authority") for the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP); expressing concerns about draft elements of the TPP; and supporting fair trade practices and agreements that protect jobs, workers, the environment, public health, and the free and open Internet to improve the quality of life in all signatory countries, maintain the integrity and sovereignty of our judicial system, promote free speech, privacy rights, and protection of whistleblowers, and to prevent multinational corporations from being granted excessive power to undermine national and local governmental authority to create reasonable rules and regulations.

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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File No. 150375

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/21/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned

Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
5/1/15

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo  
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Clerk of the Board

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May 5, 2015

The Honorable Mark Leno  
California State Senate  
California State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 94814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 155-15

Dear Honorable Senator Leno:


On April 21, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 155-15 (Opposing Fast Tracking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Expressing Concerns about Elements of the TPP, and Supporting Fair Trade Practices that Protect Jobs, Workers, the Environment, Public Health, and the Free and Open Internet), which was enacted on May 1, 2015.

This resolution directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following documents to your attention:

- One (1) certified copy of Resolution No. 155-15 (File No. 150375)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

  
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5/1/2015 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 05, 2015

Date

Peggy Nunez

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

AMENDED IN BOARD

4/21/2015

FILE NO. 150375

RESOLUTION NO. 155-15

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Resolution

File Number: 150375

Date Passed: April 21, 2015

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April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

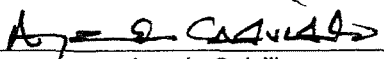
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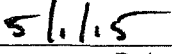
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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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May 5, 2015

The Honorable Phil Ting  
California State Assembly  
California State Capitol  
P.O. Box No. 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 155-15

Dear Honorable Assembly Member Ting:


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Sincerely,

  
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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 05, 2015

Date

Signature of Angela Calvillo
for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



AMENDED IN BOARD

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22 and stifle technological innovation; and expresses its concerns about provisions of the  
23 Investment Chapter of the TPP related to "Investor-State Dispute Settlement" provisions; and,  
24 be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly supports fair trade  
2 practices and agreements that

3           - protect jobs, workers, public health, and the environment, including enforceable labor,  
4 public health, and environmental standards to improve the quality of life in all signatory  
5 countries;

6           - maintain the integrity and sovereignty of our judicial system, promote free speech,  
7 privacy rights, and protection of whistleblowers;

8           - prevent multinational corporations from being granted excessive power to undermine  
9 national and local governmental authority to create reasonable rules and regulations;

10          - protect and promote traditional state prerogatives and authority under our federal  
11 system, including providing opt-in rights for states with respect to procurement and service  
12 sector commitments;

13          - advance trade rules that provides balanced, inclusive benefits across states and  
14 communities; and

15          - reform failed trade policies that have cost American jobs, devastated manufacturing  
16 communities, and impinged on traditional state powers; and, be it

17          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our Congressional  
18 delegation to vote to reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement unless these principles  
19 are adequately addressed; and, be it

20          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
21 to transmit copies of this resolution to San Francisco's representatives in the California State  
22 legislature and the United States Congress.



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**Resolution**

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Resolution urging San Francisco's representatives in Congress to oppose Trade Promotion Authority ("Fast Track Authority") for the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP); expressing concerns about draft elements of the TPP; and supporting fair trade practices and agreements that protect jobs, workers, the environment, public health, and the free and open Internet to improve the quality of life in all signatory countries, maintain the integrity and sovereignty of our judicial system, promote free speech, privacy rights, and protection of whistleblowers, and to prevent multinational corporations from being granted excessive power to undermine national and local governmental authority to create reasonable rules and regulations.

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 4/21/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

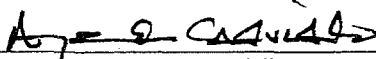
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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/1/15

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
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Date

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