

1 [Urging the Governor to Waive California Redemption Value Fines for Small Businesses]

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3 **Resolution urging the Governor to waive fees administered to small businesses**  
4 **operating in unserved California Redemption Value (CRV) convenience zones and to**  
5 **forgive the outstanding balances of small businesses unable to pay fees related to**  
6 **operating in unserved CRV convenience zones.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the State of California are under a State of  
9 Emergency requiring a shelter-in-place order that has severely impacted businesses and  
10 workers; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco City Controller and the Mayor’s Budget  
12 Office, nearly 14,000 businesses are fully or partially impacted that generate monthly  
13 revenues of \$3 billion a month with 166,000 employees; and

14 WHEREAS, Businesses and companies have been furloughing or laying off workers in  
15 order to maintain solvency; and

16 WHEREAS, California saw over 2.3 million unemployment claims in April of 2020 and  
17 by May of 2020 unemployment rates have risen to a level not seen since the Great  
18 Depression; and

19 WHEREAS, Corner stores and markets are an essential part of our neighborhoods,  
20 especially in the city’s food deserts, where larger grocers and supermarkets are largely  
21 absent; and

22 WHEREAS, Under California’s beverage container recycling law, beverage dealers that  
23 operate within convenience zones that do not have a certified recycler are required to redeem  
24 California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers in store in exchange for the refund  
25 value or pay a \$100 daily fee; and

1           WHEREAS, Beverage dealers may include supermarkets, community markets, gas  
2 stations, liquor stores, membership bulk stores, and health food stores; and

3           WHEREAS, A convenience zone is typically a half-mile radius circle with the center  
4 point originating at a supermarket; and

5           WHEREAS, Convenience zones are areas within a half-mile of a supermarket and a  
6 supermarket is defined as a full line retail store with gross receipts of \$2 million dollars or  
7 more; and

8           WHEREAS, San Francisco only has 4 certified recycling centers located primarily in  
9 the Bayview District; and

10          WHEREAS, There are 57 unserved convenience zones in San Francisco. Meaning  
11 that, all beverage dealers within a 1/2 mile radius of those zones must accept beverage  
12 containers for recycling or, pay the \$100 a day fee; and

13          WHEREAS, Many beverage dealers operating in unserved convenience zones do not  
14 have the resources or the capacity to accept beverage containers for recycling and store and  
15 transport the containers to the recycling center available in San Francisco; and

16          WHEREAS, Most of these family owned corner stores and markets cannot afford to  
17 pay the \$100 a day fee (\$36.5k/year); and

18          WHEREAS, Some particularly vulnerable corner stores have accrued \$1000s of dollars  
19 in unpaid fees; now therefore, be it

20          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Office of the Governor issue an  
21 Executive Order to waive the collection of the \$100 per day fine in lieu of accepting  
22 recyclables in-store for small businesses, as defined in the California Code; and, be it

23          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Office of the  
24 Governor to forgive the outstanding balances of fines issued to small businesses in lieu of  
25 accepting recyclables in-store; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30  
2 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the  
3 Governor of the State of California, and to the representatives of San Francisco on the  
4 California State Legislature.

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