

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 4 Banning Smoking at State Parks and Beaches]

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3 **Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 4 Banning Smoking at State Parks and Beaches.**
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5 WHEREAS, In 1998 the US EPA determined cigarette butts to be the most frequently
6 found marine debris item in the United States; and
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8 WHEREAS, According to the Ocean Conservancy, in 2003 smoking-related items (in
9 the form of cigarette filters, cigar tips, tobacco packaging, and cigarette lighters) accounted
10 for 38 percent of all debris items found on beaches in the United States; and,

11 WHEREAS, Smoking-related debris poses a persistent and serious threat to marine
12 life and beachgoers over California's 1,100 miles of coastline; and,

13 WHEREAS, Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and can harm the ecosystem as
14 they contain more than 165 chemicals; and,

15 WHEREAS, According to the California Department of Forestry (over a five-year
16 average), smoking has been found to annually cause more than 100 California forest fires
17 and destroy more than 3,400 acres; and,

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco already bars smoking in parks and near doorways and
19 window offices, shops and restaurants and recently expanded the ban to include sidewalk
20 cafes, restaurant patios, movie and atm lines, bingo halls and the common areas of housing
21 complexes; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors endorses and supports Senate Bill 4,
23 which bans smoking at State parks and beaches.
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