

1 [Pesticide Product Labels.]

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3 Resolution urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to  
4 require that manufacturers and registrants of pesticide products fully disclose all inert  
5 ingredients on pesticide product labels.

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7 WHEREAS, In 1996, the City and County of San Francisco adopted an Integrated Pest  
8 Management (IPM) Ordinance mandating that San Francisco minimize its pesticide use and  
9 reduce the negative impact of pesticides on people and the environment; and,

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco's IPM Ordinance requires that the Commission on the  
11 Environment maintain a list of reduced-risk pesticides which are exempt from the IMP  
12 Ordinance; and,

13 WHEREAS, The ingredients of a pesticide product be carefully examined in order to  
14 determine whether the product is a reduced-risk pesticide; and,

15 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency requires  
16 manufacturers of pesticide products to label active ingredients in the products and does not  
17 require the labeling of inert ingredients; and,

18 WHEREAS, the US EPA states that in inert ingredient is "any ingredient in the product  
19 that is not intended to affect a target pest"; and,

20 WHEREAS, Pesticide products can contain up to 99.9% inert ingredients; and,

21 WHEREAS, Most of the chemicals used as inert ingredients are labeled by EPA as  
22 having "unknown toxicity" because they have not yet been evaluated by EPA for toxicity to  
23 humans of health and the environment; and,

24 WHEREAS, There may be detrimental synergistic effects between active and inert  
25 ingredients; and,

1           WHEREAS, The public has a right to know the full list of product ingredients in order to  
2 make informed purchasing decisions about acceptable risks to human health and the  
3 environment; and,

4           WHEREAS, The inert ingredients *xylene* and *toluene* are considered toxic to the fetus  
5 and nervous system respectively by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and,

6           WHEREAS, The lack of labeling of inert ingredients on pesticide products could result  
7 in delayed or improper treatment of patients suffering from pesticide exposure, particularly  
8 those farm workers who come into contact with said pesticides on a daily basis and have little  
9 to no access of medical care; and,

10          WHEREAS, Requiring manufacturers to list hazardous ingredients on product labels  
11 has resulted in the reformulation of products, eliminating the use of these toxic ingredients

12          WHEREAS, The IPM Ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
13 File No. , which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15          RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco of San Francisco Board of  
16 Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to write a letter to the Administrator of the US EPA,  
17 and send copies to the U.S. Surgeon General, to California's U.S. Senators and to U.S.  
18 Representatives elected from San Francisco, urging the US EPA to require manufacturers  
19 and registrants of pesticide products to fully disclose all inert ingredients on pesticide product  
20 labels.



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October 22, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Hall, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee  
Absent: 3 - Gonzalez, Leno, McGoldrick

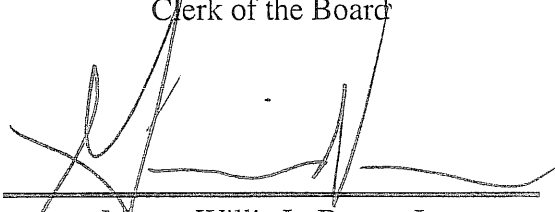
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.