

1 [Opposing the Sale of Certain Rat and Mouse Poisons]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco residents to avoid purchasing or selling certain rat**
4 **and mouse poison products that have been determined by the United States**
5 **Environmental Protection Agency to pose unacceptable risks posed to children, pets,**
6 **and wildlife.**

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8 WHEREAS, In 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)
9 issued its Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for rodenticides, and expressed concern
10 about accidental human exposures to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife; and

11 WHEREAS, In September 2004, the US EPA released its Revised Comparative
12 Ecological Assessment for nine Rodenticides, which found more than 300 documented wildlife
13 incidents of exposure of birds and nontarget mammals, including endangered species, to
14 rodenticides, in particular those rodenticides that contain the ingredient brodifacoum; and

15 WHEREAS, Brodifacoum residue has been detected in liver tissue of 27 of 32
16 endangered kit foxes screened for rodenticide residues from 1999 to 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Association of Poison Control Centers annually receives
18 between 12,000 and 15,000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to these
19 types of products; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2007, the San Francisco Department of the Environment severely
21 restricted the use of rodenticides on city property due to evidence of unacceptable risks to
22 children, pets and wildlife; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2008, the US EPA issued its Final Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten
24 Rodenticides, and gave producers until June 2011 to research, develop and register new
25 products that would be safer for children, pets and wildlife; and

1 WHEREAS, Several companies have recently advised US EPA that they do not intend
2 to adopt the new safety measures stipulated in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision, these
3 companies include Reckitt Benckiser Inc. (makers of D-Con, Fleeject, and Mimas rodent
4 control products), Spectrum Group (makers of Hot Shot rodent control products), and
5 Liphatech Inc. (makers of Generation, Maki, and Rozol rodent control products); and

6 WHEREAS, As a result of the above companies' actions, many of the products that the
7 US EPA considers to pose an unacceptable risk to children, pets and wildlife are still being
8 sold to San Francisco residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Several local businesses with 87 retail outlets in San Francisco have
10 already voluntarily agreed to stop selling these products; now therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco
12 businesses to stop the sale of rat and mouse poisons that would be prohibited under the US
13 EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides.

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges San
15 Francisco residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control
16 methods.

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