

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 762 (Irwin and Wilson) - Disposable, Battery-
2 Embedded Vapor Inhalation Device: Prohibition]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 762 (AB 762), introduced by**
4 **Assemblymembers Jacqui Irwin and Lori Wilson, which would prohibit the sale of**
5 **disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation devices and authorizes State**
6 **departments to enforce this prohibition.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has a long-standing commitment
9 to protecting public health, advancing environmental sustainability, and reducing youth
10 exposure to harmful and addictive products; and

11 WHEREAS, Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation devices—often marketed
12 as single-use electronic cigarettes or “vapes”—contain lithium-ion batteries, plastics, heavy
13 metals, and toxic chemicals that pose serious risks to public health and the environment; and

14 WHEREAS, These disposable vaping products lack a standardized recycling process
15 and are thus frequently discarded in landfills, streets, and waterways, where embedded
16 batteries create fire hazards, contribute to toxic waste, and undermine local and statewide
17 efforts to safely manage electronic waste; and

18 WHEREAS, Lithium-ion batteries contained in disposable vaporizers pose costly safety
19 issues at every point of the waste stream, leading to increased fires at waste management
20 and recycling facilities as well as placing sanitation workers and first responders at risk; and

21 WHEREAS, Disposable vaporizers are disproportionately used by youth and young
22 adults with over 55 percent of minors that use vapes reporting using disposable vapes in part
23 due to their low cost, ease of concealment, high nicotine concentrations, and flavors that
24 intentionally appeal to minors; and

1 WHEREAS, Public health evidence demonstrates that nicotine exposure during
2 adolescence harms brain development, increases the risk of lifelong addiction, and is
3 associated with adverse mental and physical health outcomes; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of California and the City and County of San Francisco have
5 been national leaders in restricting flavored tobacco products and advancing tobacco control
6 policies, yet disposable, battery-embedded vaporizers continue to proliferate amongst
7 licensed sellers; and

8 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 762 (AB 762) would ban the sale and
9 distribution of disposable, battery-embedded vaporizers in California while allowing reusable
10 and rechargeable alternatives that can be more safely managed and regulated; and

11 WHEREAS, AB 762 aligns with San Francisco's environmental goals, including waste
12 reduction, climate stewardship, and restricting the distribution of electronic cigarettes by
13 discouraging single-use electronic products that contribute to pollution and greenhouse gas
14 emissions; and

15 WHEREAS, Supporting AB 762 would reinforce San Francisco's commitment to youth
16 health and environmental justice; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
18 hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 762, which would ban disposable, battery-embedded
19 vaporizers in the State of California; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State
21 Legislature and the Governor to enact AB 762 into law; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
23 copy of this resolution upon passage to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore
24 of the California State Senate, the Speaker of the California Assembly, Assemblymember
25 Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember Lori Wilson, and San Francisco's legislative delegation.