

1 [Urging the State Legislature and San Francisco's State Legislative Delegation to Permit the
2 Continued Sale of Rice-Based Noodles.]

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4 **permit the continued sale of rice-based noodles.**
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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is the fourth most populous city in California and the 12th
7 most populous city in the United States, with a 2008 estimated population of 808,976; and

8 WHEREAS, Residents of Asian descent make up 31.3% of San Francisco's population;
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10 WHEREAS, Rice-based noodles, principally made from rice flour, water, and vegetable
11 oil, have been manufactured for thousands of years throughout Asia;

12 WHEREAS, this manufacturing technique has been commonly used throughout San
13 Francisco and the rest of the United States by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Southeast Asian
14 and other Asian immigrant communities; and

15 WHEREAS, State health code has recently been interpreted to require that all noodles
16 be refrigerated immediately following their production; and,

17 WHEREAS, Around the state, rice-based noodle manufacturers are shutting doors and
18 eliminating jobs because of that interpretation of state law that requires noodles to be
19 refrigerated, threatening a staple of Asian cuisine; and,

20 WHEREAS, This new interpretation requiring manufacturers to refrigerate the noodles
21 instead of allowing them to be stored at room temperature threatens this traditional style of
22 food preparation; and,

23 WHEREAS, A change in production would make rice-based noodles undesirable and
24 alter a standard used in Asian communities for thousands of years; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Independent lab tests have concluded that rice-based noodles can be
2 safely consumed up to 8 hours after production; and,

3 WHEREAS, Recently proposed state legislation would permit the sale of rice-based
4 noodles that have been at room temperature for no more than 8 hours; and,

5 WHEREAS, This state legislation would also prohibit the sale of Asian rice-based
6 noodles unless labeled with date and time of manufacture and including a warning to
7 consumers that the Asian rice-based noodles must be consumed within 8 hours of their
8 production; and,

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the passage of state
10 legislation permitting the sale of rice-based noodles that have been at room temperature for
11 no more than 8 hours and supporting the continued safe production of Asian rice-based
12 noodles in California.

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