

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 1439 (Salas) - Prohibiting Sweepstakes Gambling Cafes]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1439, authored by Assemblymember Rudy Salas,**
4 **which would prohibit the operation of gambling themed or simulated gambling**
5 **electronic video monitors at Internet sweepstakes businesses.**

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7 WHEREAS, Internet cafes are setting up computers that allow customers to wager
8 funds on gambling-themed games that simulate those found in casinos; and

9 WHEREAS, These internet cafes are thinly veiled gambling operations that have been
10 able to operate because of poor definition in the law; and

11 WHEREAS, Local business owners have voiced concerns about the negative
12 consequences of these establishments, including dramatic increases in criminal activity,
13 increases in public nuisance complaints, and unnecessary drains on law enforcement
14 resources; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco has recently reached a settlement against the proprietors,
16 landlords, and software provider to Net Stop Business Center, a local internet café, after a
17 year-long effort by community members and at great expense to the City's police and
18 enforcement agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, In January of 2014, Assemblymember Rudy Salas introduced Assembly
20 Bill 1439 (AB 1439) to fight the rising number of illegal sweepstakes gambling cafes
21 throughout California, and provide local law enforcement the necessary tools for greater local
22 control of this serious public safety issue; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 hereby supports California Assembly Bill 1439 and directs the Clerk of the Board to
25 communicate this support to the California State Legislature.