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WHEREAS, San Francisco, like any great urban center, has a thriving food scene, with a diverse offering of restaurants, cafes, farmers markets, urban agriculture, and street food, this diversity of food offerings constituting a key part of San Francisco's urban identity; and

Resolution opposing California Assembly Bill 1678, regarding restrictions on food

WHEREAS, Food trucks are a part of this diversity of food options, allowing people to purchase food in many locations, at various times of day, in a convenient, quick, and affordable way; and

WHEREAS, Food trucks allow for ongoing food innovation, by quickly reflecting changes in food culture and allowing entrepreneurs to experiment with different kinds of food; and

WHEREAS, Food trucks are a way for people without access to significant capital to enter the food industry, and particularly for women and immigrant communities to start foodrelated businesses; and

WHEREAS, Food trucks activate public spaces and encourage people to be outside in public interacting with other people; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has worked hard to balance the importance of food trucks with the needs of neighborhoods and brick-and-mortar restaurants, in order to avoid undue impacts and conflicts while encouraging food trucks to thrive, with a current ongoing process to evaluate food truck regulations for possible updating; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has implemented its own regulations of food trucks' proximity to schools, with the City currently engaged in a discussion about the appropriate proximity rules in an urban environment; and

WHEREAS, Placement of food trucks, like many other zoning and planning issues, is a local concern, with each locality having unique needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 1678, recently introduced in the California Assembly, would impose a "one size fits all" approach to food truck placement throughout the urban, rural, and suburban California, without regard to unique local needs, specifically, by requiring that all food trucks be located at least 1,500 feet from any high school, middle school, or elementary school, a distance two and a half times greater than the state-requirement that medical cannabis dispensaries be 600 feet from schools; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 1678 would override San Francisco's regulations of food truck proximity to schools, would dramatically reduce the locations available for food trucks, would place some neighborhoods largely off-limits, and would result in an over-concentration of food trucks in the few areas without schools, such as South of Market and Downtown and Union Square; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 1678 is a suburban-oriented Bill, given that in a dense urban setting like San Francisco, 1,500 feet – the equivalent, on average, of three city blocks – is a significant distance that will impact many people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes California
Assembly Bill 1678 and encourages the California Legislature to reject it; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if the California Legislature does proceed with California Assembly Bill 1678, the bill should be amended either to exempt San Francisco or, alternatively, to allow local jurisdictions to opt out in order to craft their own local regulations.