RESOLUTION NO. 48-14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Avalos BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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February 11, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/11/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

2/14/14

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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