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RESOLUTION NO.

[Urging the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to Deny Non-Traditional Retail Licenses]

Resolution urging the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to deny alcohol license applications of non-traditional alcohol retail businesses in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) defines "non-traditional alcohol retail businesses" as businesses that historically do not have a sales, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverage program as part of their business operation and/or that there existing business model has established an expectation to the public and their customers that Alcoholic beverages would not be or have not been available; and

WHEREAS, According to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as of January 8, 2016 there are 3,809 retail businesses selling alcohol in San Francisco's 46.9 square miles, making San Francisco the most alcohol retail-dense county in California; and

WHEREAS, Since alcohol use in San Francisco ranks among the leading causes of premature mortality for men and women, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) considers alcohol a major public health problem; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies using advanced analytical methods by Toomey and colleagues (2007) show that a higher density of alcohol outlets is related to increased rates of crime, particularly homicides and assaults; and

WHEREAS, Treno and colleagues (2003) evaluated the effect of alcohol outlet density on driving after drinking among 15- to 20-year-olds, finding that higher alcohol outlet density is associated with greater prevalence of driving after drinking; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an average of 500 underage youth die annually from alcohol-related causes in California; and

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WHEREAS, Preliminary findings from recent studies conducted by the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) Trauma Center demonstrate that approximately 8% of alcohol-related trauma cases die from their injuries; and

WHEREAS, Of a sample of 300 moderate-to-severe traumas, 59% occurred in patients with blood alcohol levels of .08 and above; and

WHEREAS, The study found that patients with a positive blood alcohol level experienced more severe traumas, and therefore faced a greater risk of death; and

WHEREAS, Analysis revealed that the highest rates of alcohol-related injuries treated at the Trauma Center occurred in San Francisco census tracts with a high density of alcohol outlets; and

WHEREAS, Findings published in FY2006-2007 by the San Francisco Medical Examiner (SFME) determined alcohol as the primary cause of death in 7.7% of natural deaths; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-three percent of all non-vehicular accidental death victims had significant levels of alcohol in their blood; alcohol was a factor in 32.7% of all vehicular fatalities in San Francisco; alcohol also was a factor in 25% of all suicides and 31.8% of all homicide victims tested by the SFME; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Open Recovery estimates there are 50,000 individuals living in long-term recovery in San Francisco who frequent establishments that do not sell alcohol and are currently designated as "Non-Traditional" businesses; and

WHEREAS, Conservative estimates conclude that the City and County of San Francisco bears the cost of \$17,100,000 annually for the medical care of people with alcoholrelated illnesses; alcohol abuse treatment and prevention; alcohol-related emergency medical transport; as well as disability and death due to alcohol use; and

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WHEREAS, The total cost to California of underage drinking is estimated at over \$6,700,000,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, The SFPD projects that approving liquor licenses for Non-Traditional alcohol retail businesses will contribute exponentially to the already extremely high density of alcohol outlets, and therefore cause significantly more alcohol-related health and safety harms in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Prevention Coalition and a broad range of community leaders support the denial of the non-traditional alcohol licenses, based on research and evidence reviews provided by experts in alcohol prevention from UCSF, SFDPH and SFPD; and

WHEREAS, States, cities and counties have the power to place a legal limit on the number of alcohol establishments in a neighborhood, city or county as a strategy to reduce alcohol consumption and alcohol-related health and safety problems among the general population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco strongly urges the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to deny licenses to non-traditional alcohol retail businesses in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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