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 [Urging the State of California to Require a Minimum of 25% Post-Consumer Recycled Content in Plastic Beverage Containers]

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to require all single-use plastic beverage containers sold in the state to have a minimum of 25% post-consumer recycled content.

WHEREAS, California's landmark climate law, California State Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) (Nunez-Pavley, 2006) requires a reduction in statewide greenhouse has pollution to 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted citywide goals of 75 percent landfill diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020; and

WHEREAS, In order to be consistent with state goals of greenhouse gas reduction (AB 32) and source reduction and recycling (California State Assembly Bill 341), the city must create a closed loop recycling system, support in-state recycling and manufacturing to increase the amount of products sold in California containing recycled content; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 30 years, largely in part due to California's Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act ("Bottle Bill"), Californians have increasingly recycled their beverage containers, and the state's recycling rate now hovers about 85%, and according to CalRecycle, since 1987 when the program began, more than 300 billion aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers have been recycled; and

WHEREAS, Most Californians are unaware that while our *collection* for recycling rates are high, much of the materials are in fact exported overseas for recycling, for example 50% of PET beverage containers collected for recycling are still exported out of state or out of the country to China, Vietnam, and elsewhere, and because all collection in California is subsidized by California consumers, the respective subsidy also goes out of the country; and

WHEREAS, Post-consumer PET is a resource California should not be shipping to Asia in exchange for importing their cheap virgin resin, because it increases pollution; and

WHEREAS, California consumers should reasonably expect that the beverage and food containers they buy are made out of recycled content given our high recycling collection rates; and

WHEREAS, If more used plastic beverage containers are recycled into new containers in a closed-loop system, instead of ending up in domestic landfills or being exported with unknown outcomes, this would lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, energy use and pollution associated with the mining and processing of virgin materials; and

WHEREAS, There is a 71% reduction in GHG emissions from the use of recycled PET compared to virgin resin, and 67% reduction for using recycled HDPE compared to virgin resin; and

WHEREAS, By collecting, processing and manufacturing materials collected in California into new products we can support a sustainable and prosperous California economy;

RESOLVED, That the city of San Francisco urges the California legislature to require all single-use plastic beverage containers sold in the state to have a minimum of 25% post-consumer recycled content.



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