Amendment of the Whole In Committee – 10/19/09

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FILE NO. 091111

[Support Assembly Bill 1019]

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution urging support of Assembly Bill 1019, the Alcohol-Related Services Act to deliver services to, and ensure the public health and safety of, the people of California supported by a reasonable and rational mitigation fee.

WHEREAS, The State of California budget requires revenues from fee programs to mitigate harm and avoid devastating cuts to programs and elimination of alcohol-related programs, and

WHEREAS, Over 10,000 lives are lost each year to alcohol abuse, meaning one person dies *every hour* due to alcohol consumption in California; and

WHEREAS, The total number of incidents of harm related to alcohol abuse is over 920,000, meaning there are *100 incidents every hour*, and

WHEREAS, 26 percent of all traffic collisions are caused by alcohol abuse, which are responsible for an estimated 1,144 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is a cause of hospital emergency room and trauma care treatment, and greatly contributes to the need for transportation costs such as ambulance costs, and

WHEREAS, Effective prevention and treatment services for youth increase school attendance and academic performance, and

WHEREAS, There are significant benefits of alcohol treatment and recovery programs and they are effective; and people who complete treatment find employment and pay taxes, no longer suffer from alcohol problems, and become productive members of their communities, and

WHEREAS, State, county and municipal regulatory and service programs are necessary to mitigate the adverse effects of alcohol abuse, and

WHEREAS, Through AB1019 the California Legislature and Governor may impose a regulatory fee within the guidelines and limitations approved by the Supreme Court of California in Sinclair Paint Co. v. State Bd. of Equalization (1997) 15 Cal.4th 866, and

WHEREAS, The statutory definitions of alcohol in beer, wine, and distilled spirits categories have been used consistently in police power regulations of the state, and therefore are a rational basis for mitigation fee assessment, and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Fire

Department, the San Francisco Sherriff's Department, San Francisco's Department of Public

Health and San Francisco's Human Service Agency spend significant amounts of their

budgets responding to alcohol abuse related problems; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the California State Legislature to support AB 1019, the Alcohol-Related Services Act, to deliver services to and to help ensure the public health and safety of the people of California through a reasonable and rational mitigation fee.



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October 27, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

Absent: 1 - Campos Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier File No. 091111

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 27, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

11-6-09

Date Approved

UNSIGNED

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: November 6, 2009

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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