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1	[Urging the Governor to Waive California Redemption Value Fines for Small Businesses]
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3	Resolution urging the Governor to waive fees administered to small businesses
4	operating in unserved California Redemption Value (CRV) convenience zones and to
5	forgive the outstanding balances of small businesses unable to pay fees related to
6	operating in unserved CRV convenience zones.
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8	WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the State of California are under a State of
9	Emergency requiring a shelter-in-place order that has severely impacted businesses and
10	workers; and
11	WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco City Controller and the Mayor's Budget
12	Office, nearly 14,000 businesses are fully or partially impacted that generate monthly
13	revenues of \$3 billion a month with 166,000 employees; and
14	WHEREAS, Businesses and companies have been furloughing or laying off workers in
15	order to maintain solvency; and
16	WHEREAS, California saw over 2.3 million unemployment claims in April of 2020 and
17	by May of 2020 unemployment rates have risen to a level not seen since the Great
18	Depression; and
19	WHEREAS, Corner stores and markets are an essential part of our neighborhoods,
20	especially in the city's food deserts, where larger grocers and supermarkets are largely
21	absent; and
22	WHEREAS, Under California's beverage container recycling law, beverage dealers that
23	operate within convenience zones that do not have a certified recycler are required to redeem
24	California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers in store in exchange for the refund
25	value or pay a \$100 daily fee; and

1	WHEREAS, Beverage dealers may include supermarkets, community markets, gas
2	stations, liquor stores, membership bulk stores, and health food stores; and
3	WHEREAS, A convenience zone is typically a half-mile radius circle with the center
4	point originating at a supermarket; and
5	WHEREAS, Convenience zones are areas within a half-mile of a supermarket and a
6	supermarket is defined as a full line retail store with gross receipts of \$2 million dollars or
7	more; and
8	WHEREAS, San Francisco only has 4 certified recycling centers located primarily in
9	the Bayview District; and
10	WHEREAS, There are 57 unserved convenience zones in San Francisco. Meaning
11	that, all beverage dealers within a 1/2 mile radius of those zones must accept beverage
12	containers for recycling or, pay the \$100 a day fee; and
13	WHEREAS, Many beverage dealers operating in unserved convenience zones do not
14	have the resources or the capacity to accept beverage containers for recycling and store and
15	transport the containers to the recycling center available in San Francisco; and
16	WHEREAS, Most of these family owned corner stores and markets cannot afford to
17	pay the \$100 a day fee (\$36.5k/year); and
18	WHEREAS, Some particularly vulnerable corner stores have accrued \$1000s of dollars
19	in unpaid fees; now therefore, be it
20	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Office of the Governor issue an
21	Executive Order to waive the collection of the \$100 per day fine in lieu of accepting
22	recyclables in-store for small businesses, as defined in the California Code; and, be it
23	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Office of the
24	Governor to forgive the outstanding balances of fines issued to small businesses in lieu of
25	accepting recyclables in-store; and, be it

1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30
2	days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the
3	Governor of the State of California, and to the representatives of San Francisco on the
4	California State Legislature.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). ✓ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Haney Subject: Resolution urging the Governor to waive CRV fines for small businesses. The text is listed: Resolution urging the Governor to waive fees administered to small businesses operating in unserved California Redemption Value (CRV) convenience zones and to forgive the outstanding balances of small businesses unable to pay fees related to operating in unserved CRV convenience zones. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: MATT HANEY

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