

1 [Urging the State Legislature to Pass California State Senate Bill No. 314 (Wiener) - Bar and
2 Restaurant Recovery Act]

3 **Resolution urging passage of California State Senate Bill No. 314, Bar and Restaurant**
4 **Recovery Act, authored by Senator Scott Wiener, to provide much-needed relief for**
5 **restaurants and bars and to ensure they are able to recover economically after the**
6 **COVID-19 pandemic.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and United
9 States of America have declared local, state, and national emergencies in response to the
10 COVID-19 pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, Public health precautions required to slow the spread of the COVID-19
12 pandemic and minimize loss of life are resulting in severe economic impacts for our city, state,
13 and country, with the restaurant and bar industry being among the hardest hit sectors; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Planning Department’s most recent
15 Commerce and Industry Inventory Report, which was published prior to the COVID-19
16 pandemic, eating and drinking places in San Francisco employed more than 65,000 people –
17 the most of any retail sector; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the Office of the Controller’s Five-Year Financial Plan, the
19 hospitality industry, including restaurants and bars, sustained a 28% decrease in employment
20 from March-November 2020, and data provided to the San Francisco Economic Recovery
21 Task Force showed that sales in San Francisco restaurants and bars were down by 65% due
22 to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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1 WHEREAS, As part of San Francisco’s local efforts to support local businesses
2 impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has targeted fee relief, grants and other
3 resources to restaurants and bars; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco implemented the Shared Spaces program to allow
5 businesses to use the sidewalk or parking lanes for business operations, including dining, and
6 many restaurants and bars have been able to use these spaces to continue operations during
7 portions of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of
9 Alcoholic Beverage Control instituted temporary regulations allowing significantly expanded
10 outdoor restaurant/bar seating with alcohol service in outdoor spaces like parking lots and
11 sidewalks, including businesses using Shared Spaces permits in San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 314 (Wiener) will support California restaurants and bars by
13 doing the following: making permanent some of these temporary pandemic regulations
14 allowing for outdoor alcohol beverage service, making it easier for bars and restaurants to
15 share commercial space with other bars and restaurants or with non-alcohol-serving
16 businesses thus allowing businesses to reduce their rent costs, streamlining and adding
17 flexibility to California’s alcohol license process, creating a new entertainment venue liquor
18 license separate from a regular restaurant license and authorizing cities and counties to
19 create open container entertainment zones where people can purchase and consume alcohol
20 from surrounding businesses during festivals, street fairs or other outdoor events; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 urges the passage of State Senate Bill 314 – Bar and Restaurant Recovery Act to provide
24 much-needed relief for California’s local restaurants and bars to ensure they are able to
25 recover economically after the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State
3 Legislature and City Lobbyist upon passage.

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