

[Supporting Senate Bill 220 for Health Insurance Coverage and Smoking Cessation]

Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 220 for Health Insurance Coverage and Smoking Cessation

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Surgeon General, tobacco is the greatest cause of disease and premature death today, causing 435,000 deaths annually; and,

WHEREAS, Costs due to smoking related death and disease approach \$96 billion dollars per year in medical expenses and cost \$97 billion dollars per year in lost productivity; and,

WHEREAS, There are currently 3.8 million adult smokers in California; and,

WHEREAS, 45% of smokers reported trying to quit in the last year, with only a four to seven percent success rate; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Surgeon General has stated that treatments for tobacco use are not provided consistently as paid services for subscribers of health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control indicate that smoking disproportionately affects people in economically disadvantaged communities; and,

WHEREAS, In Massachusetts, a program covering most expenses for smoking cessation counseling and prescription drugs for Medicaid recipients led to an astonishing drop in the population of the economically disadvantaged who smoke; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses and supports Senate Bill 220, which requires that health care service plan contracts and insurance policies provide benefits to include coverage for smokers attempting to quit smoking.



City and County of San Francisco

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March 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

Excused: 2 - Alioto-Pier and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/16/2010 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

3/25/2010

Date Approved