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[Supporting Senate Bill 4 Banning Smoking at State Parks and Beaches]

Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 4 Banning Smoking at State Parks and Beaches.

WHEREAS, In 1998 the US EPA determined cigarette butts to be the most frequently found marine debris item in the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to the Ocean Conservancy, in 2003 smoking-related items (in the form of cigarette filters, cigar tips, tobacco packaging, and cigarette lighters) accounted for 38 percent of all debris items found on beaches in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Smoking-related debris poses a persistent and serious threat to marine life and beachgoers over California's 1,100 miles of coastline; and,

WHEREAS, Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and can harm the ecosystem as they contain more than 165 chemicals; and,

WHEREAS, According to the California Department of Forestry (over a five-year average), smoking has been found to annually cause more than 100 California forest fires and destroy more than 3,400 acres; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco already bars smoking in parks and near doorways and window offices, shops and restaurants and recently expanded the ban to include sidewalk cafes, restaurant patios, movie and atm lines, bingo halls and the common areas of housing complexes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED. That the Board of Supervisors endorses and supports Senate Bill 4. which bans smoking at State parks and beaches.



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Resolution

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March 30, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and

Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/30/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board