

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 2356]
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3 **Resolution supporting State Assembly Member Keely's AB 2356 to explicitly ban the**
4 **use of Clopyralid (and any other pesticides that are persistent in compost); and to**
5 **discourage appropriate governmental agencies from using such pesticides that are**
6 **persistent in compost.**

7 WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 mandates that
8 the City and County of San Francisco divert 50% of all waste generated by the year 2000 or
9 by approved extension, or otherwise be subject to fines of up to \$10,000 per day; and,

10 WHEREAS, composting is increasingly used as a preferred waste diversion
11 management strategy for landscaping debris and other organic or compostable material in
12 California; and,

13 WHEREAS, more than 337,000 tons per year of the San Francisco waste stream is
14 organic or compostable material; and,

15 WHEREAS, in order for San Francisco to exceed State mandated waste diversion
16 goals, nearly 80,000 tons per year of compostable materials in the City must be diverted from
17 landfill to available composting facilities; and,

18 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco adopted an Integrated Pest
19 Management Ordinance in 1996 mandating that San Francisco minimize its pesticide use and
20 reduce the negative impact of pesticides on people and the environment; and,

21 WHEREAS, Clopyralid is an active ingredient in a variety of pesticides products; and

22 WHEREAS, Clopyralid is a persistent pesticide used primarily on lawns and in
23 agriculture to kill targeted broad-leaf plants, such as dandelions, clover and thistle; and,

24 WHEREAS, the use of products containing Clopyralid is rapidly increasing in the State
25 of California, from 16.5 lbs. in 1997 to 13,176 lbs. in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Clopyralid is extremely toxic to many non-target plants including broadleaf
ornamentals and vegetables, and can damage plants at levels as low as 1 part per billion;
and,

1 WHEREAS, Composts are used to fertilize gardens and hence produce a food source
2 for humans; and,

3 WHEREAS, Clopyralid has been found to persist through the composting process at
4 levels well in excess of amounts that can damage plants at composting facilities, it has been
5 found in compost from 19 facilities in California; and,

6 WHEREAS, the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance does not currently include any
7 products including Clopyralid but does not explicitly ban products containing Clopyralid on the
8 “Approved List of Reduced Risk Pesticides”; and,

9 WHEREAS, alternatives to Clopyralid exist to control broadleaf plants that include other
10 chemical pesticides as well as pesticide-free practices for turf maintenance; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12 support Assembly Member Keeley’s Assembly Bill 2356, that would ban the use of Clopyralid;
13 and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
15 Francisco to write a letter to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the United
16 States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Agriculture
17 urging a ban of the use of Clopyralid; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
19 Francisco encourages the California Integrated Waste Management Board to support banning
20 the use of Clopyralid and any other compost persistent pesticides and requiring manufacturer
21 compensation of compost producers and compost product users for damages suffered due to
22 the use of Clopyralid or other persistent pesticide contaminated compost, to educate pesticide
23 users and compost users on pesticide persistence in compost, to develop a list of
24 environmentally preferable alternatives to Clopyralid containing products, to encourage and
25 support routine testing of compost facilities for contamination of Clopyralid or other persistent
pesticides in order to ensure the economic viability of composting as a waste management
strategy in California; and, be it

 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
Francisco to write a letter to Dow Chemical Company asking that the company no longer

1 manufacture or distribute Clopyralid and other pesticides that are persistent in compost,
2 exercise precaution in evaluating persistence in compost prior to the introduction of pesticides
3 on the market, and to compensate compost producers and compost product users for
4 damages suffered due to the use of Clopyralid or other persistent pesticide contaminated
5 compost.
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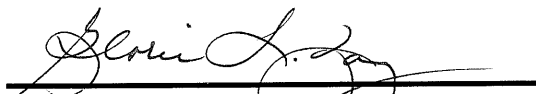
May 20, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

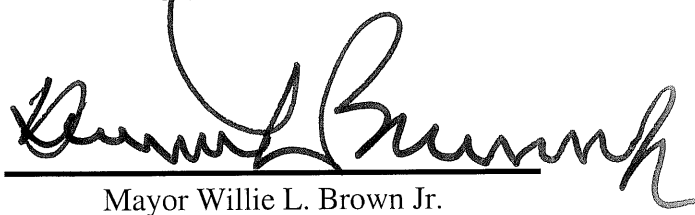
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 20, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.