

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1125: Household Battery Recycling Act.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California legislature to pass AB 1125: Household Battery**
4 **Recycling Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that three billion batteries
7 are sold in the United States annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Virtually all household batteries contain hazardous materials, mainly heavy
9 metals which, if not disposed of properly, leak into the ground contaminating our water and
10 food supply; and,

11 WHEREAS, Currently less than five percent of rechargeable batteries and less than
12 one percent of one-time use batteries are recycled; and,

13 WHEREAS, The California Department of Toxic Substances Control has recently
14 determined that all discarded batteries are toxic and must be disposed of as hazardous waste;
15 and,

16 WHEREAS, California's Universal Waste Rule prohibits the disposal of all household
17 batteries in landfill and granted a temporary exemption from this landfill ban which expires on
18 February 8, 2006; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment and local businesses in San
20 Francisco have been able to successfully to put in a place a system which offers residents 60
21 different locations to drop off used batteries for recycling; and,

22 WHEREAS, AB 1125 would require every retailer of household batteries sold in
23 California to have in place a system convenient to the public for the acceptance and collection
24 of used household batteries for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal by February 1, 2006; and,
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1 WHEREAS, AB 1125 would also require every retailer of household batteries to make
2 information available to consumers about household battery recycling opportunities by posting
3 signage, providing written materials, or communicating directly with the consumer at the time
4 of purchase; and,

5 WHEREAS, AB 1125 would require the cost of this program to be internalized by
6 battery producers and consumers at or before the point of purchase and that the costs of the
7 program shall not be borne by the local government or taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 hereby urges the California legislature to pass AB 1125; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Clerk of the Board send a copy of the final signed
11 resolution to Assembly Member Fran Pavley, PO Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0041.



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April 26, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

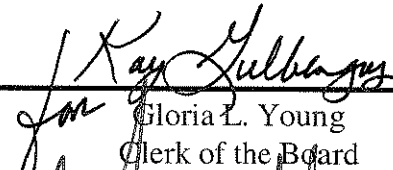
Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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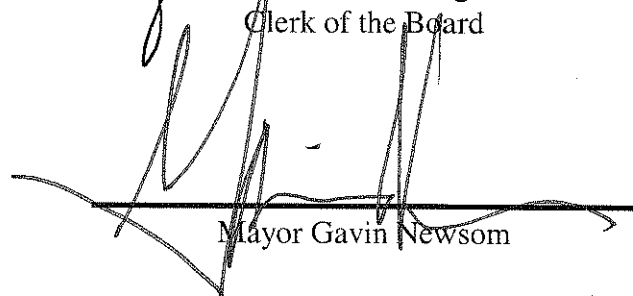
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 26, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom