

1 [MTBE in Gasoline]  
2 URGING SAN FRANCISCO GAS STATIONS TO STOP USING GASOLINE THAT  
3 CONTAINES THE ADDITIVE MTBE.]

4 WHEREAS, MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, was added to  
5 vehicle fuels after Congress amended the Clean Air Act in 1990 to  
6 require the use of oxygenates in regions with poor air quality; and,

7 WHEREAS, While MTBE helped clean the air, it has been found to  
8 create harmful emissions and is now widely blamed for contaminating  
9 reservoirs and groundwater supplies throughout California; and,

10 WHEREAS, MTBE seeps into groundwater from leaking gasoline  
11 storage tanks and pipelines; and,

12 WHEREAS, MTBE is uniquely resistant to clean-up; and,

13 WHEREAS, The problem of contamination by MTBE is likely to  
14 linger for years or even decades; and,

15 WHEREAS, Last year California Governor Gray Davis issued an  
16 executive order calling for a ban on the use of MTBE by the end of  
17 2002; and,

18 WHEREAS, Despite the order by Governor Davis, the use of MTBE  
19 increased in California from the first to second quarter of the year;  
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, The amount of MTBE blended into gasoline by Northern  
22 California refineries increased by 14% from April to June 2000; and,

23 WHEREAS, Given its known harmful effects and the fact that use  
24 of MTBE is increasing, there should be an immediate ban on the use of  
25 MTBE; and,

1           WHEREAS, Ethanol, a type of alcohol derived from grain and plant  
2 fiber, may be substituted for MTBE; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
4 of San Francisco urges local gas stations to stop using gasoline that  
5 contains the additive MTBE.

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Resolution urging San Francisco gas stations to stop using gasoline that contains the additive MTBE.

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Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Newsom

Absent: 5 - Brown, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 20, 2000 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.