

1 [Extended Producer Responsibility Framework]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to enact legislation based on the**  
4 **Extended Producer Responsibility Framework policy adopted by the California**  
5 **Integrated Waste Management Board that will shift costs and responsibilities for waste**  
6 **management from local governments to the producers of products and incentivize**  
7 **product redesign.**

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9 WHEREAS, Manufactured products and packaging constitute about seventy-five  
10 percent of the waste materials managed by the City and County of San Francisco and sent to  
11 landfill, costing San Francisco residents and businesses about \$150 million a year in refuse  
12 rates plus millions more in taxes to manage; and

13 WHEREAS, There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated  
14 with products that contain toxic ingredients, including mercury, lead, cadmium and other toxic  
15 chemicals that when disposed of improperly can contaminate soil and water supplies; and;

16 WHEREAS, When products are designed to contain hazardous chemicals and are  
17 then uniformly banned from municipal landfills by the State, the burden to manage these  
18 items at the end of their useful life falls to local jurisdictions in the form of specialized waste  
19 collection and public outreach programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility is an environmental policy approach in  
21 which producers assume responsibility-financial and/or physical-for the management of  
22 products at the end of their useful life, so that those who produce and sell products bear the  
23 costs of recycling and proper disposal; and

1           WHEREAS, In February 2006, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a  
2 resolution calling for statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for product waste and  
3 adopt policies that support Extended Producer Responsibility; and

4           WHEREAS, The current approach to legislating responsibility for end-of-life  
5 management of individual product types at the State level has been piecemeal and does not  
6 provide producers with incentives to design their products with recycling, reduced toxicity, and  
7 take-back in mind; and

8           WHEREAS, An Extended Producer Responsibility Framework Approach is a  
9 comprehensive environmental policy that establishes requirements and guidelines for the  
10 development of collection processes funded by product producers that provide convenient  
11 and sustainable opportunities for recycling or disposal by the public; and

12           WHEREAS, In January, 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board  
13 adopted an "Overall Framework for an Extended Producer Responsibility System in  
14 California"; now, therefore be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California state legislature to  
16 enact legislation based on the Extended Producer Responsibility Framework policy adopted  
17 by the California Integrated Waste Management Board that will shift waste management  
18 costs and responsibilities from local government to the producers of the products, and which  
19 will give producers the incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and wasteful,  
20 more durable and repairable, and easier to reuse, recycle and compost.  
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## Tails Resolution

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September 16, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 16, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



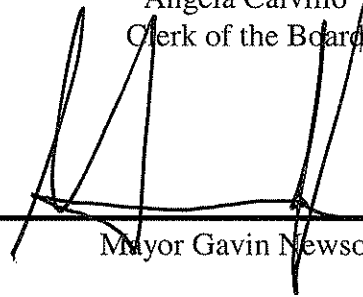
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

9/19/08

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Date Approved



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Mayor Gavin Newsom