Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Assembly Bill 622, The Clean Air for Children, Seniors, and Working Families Act.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is deeply concerned about the public health and safety risks posed by aerial spraying; and

WHEREAS, Aerial pesticide spraying is an outdated, inefficient practice that poses unacceptable exposure and risks; and

WHEREAS, Multiple scientific and other sources including the U.S. Office of Technology Assessment estimate that about 40 percent of an aerial pesticide application leaves the "target area" and that less than 1 percent actually reaches the "target pest"; and

WHEREAS, Airborne pesticide exposure is responsible for acute poisonings and for chronic illnesses including asthma, cancer, neurological disorders, birth defects, miscarriages, and other reproductive effects; and

WHEREAS, Children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with compromised immune systems and chronic illness, are more vulnerable to the adverse health effects of pesticide exposure; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emphasizes that children are at a greater risk for some pesticides, as their internal organs are still developing and maturing, and their immune systems may provide less natural protection than those of adults; and

WHEREAS, The elderly and those already ill are especially susceptible to adverse effects from pesticide exposure because of the extra vulnerability of their respiratory systems and lower immune function; and

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WHEREAS, The California Department of Pesticide Regulation annual reports of the numbers of people poisoned by aerial pesticide spray exposure does not account for the long-term effects of pesticide exposure, such as cancer and birth defects; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area were among those targeted for blanket aerial pesticide spray for the Light Brown Apple Moth in 2008; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area contain numerous sites where sensitive populations congregate, including schools, hospitals, day care centers, senior citizen centers and residential care homes; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and the greater Bay Area opposes food production practices that put the residents of any area at risk of aerial pesticide exposure; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 622, the Clean Air for Children, Seniors, and Working Families Act, would establish a safety zone of no less than three and three tenths miles from the aerial application of pesticides around school, hospitals, day care centers, senior citizen centers, residential care homes and farm labor camps so that people in those areas can live, work, go to school without fear of pesticide exposure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports and endorses AB 622, the Clean Air for Children Seniors and Working Families Act and urges the California Assembly and Senate to pass AB 622, and urges the Governor to sign AB 622 into law.
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April 7, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 7, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/17/09
Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom