

1 [Resolution Recognizing the Bay Area Air Quality Management District]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the Bay Area Air Quality Management for their support of San**
4 **Francisco's efforts to promote environmentally preferable garment cleaning**
5 **technologies among local dry cleaners.**

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7 WHEREAS, Perchloroethylene (Perc), identified by the California Air Resources Board
8 (CARB) as one of the top ten toxic air contaminants that contribute most to statewide cancer
9 risk, is the most commonly used dry cleaning solvent; and,

10 WHEREAS, Perc is being phased out in the Bay Area through an air quality regulation
11 adopted by the BAAQMD; and,

12 WHEREAS, 54 local dry-cleaning facilities currently use Perc based cleaning systems
13 and will need to switch to non-Perc alternatives starting as early as July 2010; and,

14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of the Environment (Department)
15 completed an extensive assessment of alternatives to Perc and determined that, professional
16 wet cleaning and CO₂ cleaning systems are the least toxic, non-smog forming technologies;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Other available alternatives to Perc cleaning pose variable environmental
19 and human health impacts; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Department's analysis found that CO₂ cleaning systems are
21 expensive and unavailable for purchase by local businesses, and the Wet Cleaning
22 technology is readily available and at comparable cost to current cleaning systems used by
23 San Francisco businesses; and,
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1 WHEREAS, There is currently only a single exclusive wet cleaning facility in San
2 Francisco; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Department has been actively promoting professional wet cleaning
4 through multi-lingual outreach and a grant program that offers financial assistance to local
5 cleaners converting to wet cleaning; and,

6 WHEREAS, The BAAQMD is the public agency entrusted with regulating stationary air
7 pollution sources in the San Francisco bay area region that includes garment cleaners; and,

8 WHEREAS, The BAAQMD mission is to protect and improve public health, air quality,
9 and the global climate, through regulation, enforcement, incentives and educational programs;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, The BAAQMD is supporting the Department's efforts to increase adoption
12 of environmentally preferable garment cleaning in San Francisco: now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the efforts of the
14 BAAQMD for taking steps to protect public health and air quality in San Francisco through
15 financial and staff support to the City of San Francisco that will help promote and establish
16 wet cleaning options for local residents.
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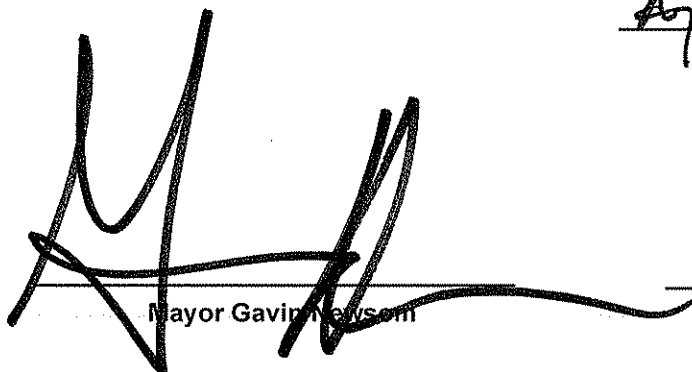
March 23, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi


Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/23/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Mayor Gavin Newsom



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/02/2010
Date Approved