

1 [Supporting California State Proposition 67 - Referendum to Support Ban on Single-Use
2 Plastic Bags]

3 **Resolution supporting California’s Proposition 67, which would uphold legislation**
4 **banning single-use plastic bags.**

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6 WHEREAS, California’s Plastic Bag Ban Referendum will appear as Proposition 67 on
7 the November 2016 ballot, in which a “yes” vote will be in favor of upholding SB270, the
8 plastic bag ban and a “no” will be in favor of overturning SB 270; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year California uses more than 13 billion single-use plastic bags,
10 with 950 million plastic bags ending up as litter in landfills and in our neighborhoods, or as a
11 danger to marine wildlife; and

12 WHEREAS, Plastic bags are a major source of litter and pollution in California, costing
13 taxpayers an estimated \$34,000,000 to \$107,000,000 annually to manage plastic bag litter
14 throughout the state; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the California State Department of Recycling, only 5% of
16 single-use plastic bags are recycled; and

17 WHEREAS, According to a US Marine Debris Monitoring Program Study, plastic bags
18 remain one of the top items found consistently during beach cleanups; and

19 WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bags create litter problems in streets, waterfronts, sewer
20 systems clog storm drains; and

21 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted citywide goals of 75%
22 landfill diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to adopt a ban on plastic
24 shopping bags in April 2007; and

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1 WHEREAS, In February of 2012, the Board of Supervisors voted to expand the
2 ordinance to all retail stores and food establishments and add a ten cent charge on bags at
3 checkout; and

4 WHEREAS, Single-use plastic bag bans and charging for any store provided checkout
5 bags promote a culture-shift among consumers to utilize reusable bags;

6 WHEREAS, 150 California cities and counties, including San Francisco, already have
7 banned single-use plastic grocery bags independent of the state law representing over one-
8 third of the state's population; and

9 WHEREAS, Proposition 67 would continue California's success in phasing out plastic
10 bags, keeping in place a law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 formally supports Prop 67, the Plastic Bag Ban Referendum.

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Resolution

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September 06, 2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

September 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

September 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 9/13/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

Mayor

9/23/16

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



Date

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