

1 [Bag Reuse]

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3 **URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY**
4 **AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT**
5 **PROMOTES THE REUSE OF CARRYOUT BAGS.**

6 WHEREAS, All types of bags (1) use increasingly scarce resources, including
7 energy, (2) create pollution from production, and (3) paper bags improperly sent
8 to landfill even if made from 100% recycled content will produce greenhouse
9 gases and take up unnecessary space; and,

10 WHEREAS, Source reduction and reuse consume less resources and create
11 less pollution than recycling; and,

12 WHEREAS, Greater reuse of carryout bags will significantly promote the
13 conservation of resources and energy and reduce pollution by lessening the
14 demand for producing more bags; and,

15 WHEREAS, Bags provided for free at checkout are usually perceived as
16 disposable products being used on average for just a few minutes, thereby
17 creating an impediment to increasing bag reuse; and,

18 WHEREAS, Many reusable bags are machine washable and made of durable
19 strong fabric that will last many years and avoid the use of thousands of
20 disposable bags; and,

21 WHEREAS, There is current state and local legislation proposed that would
22 encourage reuse of bags by either requiring a significant fee paid by customers

1 on all checkout bags provided by stores/and or a rebate respectively; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and
4 Board of Supervisors to support state and local legislation that encourages
5 customers to get in the habit of bringing and reusing their own bags in order to
6 assure bag reuse and overall bag reduction.

7 I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved at the Commission on
8 the Environment's Meeting on January 26, 2010.

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11 *Monica Fish, Commission Secretary*

12 Vote: Approved (5-1) (1 Absent)

13 Ayes: Commissioners Gravanis, Martin, Mok, Tuchow and Wald

14 Noes: None

15 Absent: Commissioners King and Pelosi Jr.

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