

1 [Urging the California State Senate to Pass Senate Bill 622]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Senate to Pass Senate Bill 622, which would levy**  
4 **an excise tax of one cent (\$0.01) per fluid ounce on any beverage with added caloric**  
5 **sweeteners, such as sodas, in order to fund activities to prevent childhood obesity.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Over the last 30-40 years, obesity rates in California have tripled and  
8 today 38% of children and 62% of adults are either overweight or obese; and

9 WHEREAS, Obesity has long-term health implications including increasing the risk of  
10 diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, asthma, and some forms of cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Obesity and physical inactivity is estimated to cost California \$52 billion  
12 annually in health care costs and lost productivity; and

13 WHEREAS, On average, Americans drink 45 gallons of sugary drinks which contain 39  
14 pounds of sugar each year; and

15 WHEREAS, The average American consumes almost 300 more calories per day than  
16 they did in the 1970s and 43% of those additional calories come from sugar sweetened  
17 beverages; and

18 WHEREAS, Sugary beverages and fruit drinks together are the largest source of daily  
19 calories for children ages 2-18; and

20 WHEREAS, Sugary drinks are heavily marketed, especially to children, often using  
21 celebrities, sports stars, and cartoon characters; and

22 WHEREAS, Every additional daily serving of soda increases a child's risk for childhood  
23 obesity by 60 percent; and  
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1           WHEREAS, If current obesity trends are not reversed, it is predicted that one in three  
2 children and nearly half of Latino and African American children born in the year 2000 will  
3 develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime; and

4           WHEREAS, Sugary beverages are inexpensive, abundant, and high in calories without  
5 providing significant nutritional value; and

6           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 622, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File  
7 No. 130386, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein,  
8 would levy an excise tax of one cent (\$0.01) per fluid ounce on any beverage with added  
9 caloric sweeteners; and

10          WHEREAS, Senate Bill 622 would direct any money generated by the tax to create  
11 childhood obesity prevention activities and programs for the State; and

12          WHEREAS, Taxing certain products to reduce consumption is a proven strategy as  
13 evidenced by tobacco taxes; and

14          WHEREAS, Senate Bill 622 is responding to the preventable public health epidemic of  
15 obesity, whose health care costs affect all Californians; now, therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Senate  
17 to pass Senate Bill 622, authored by Senator Bill Monning; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
19 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Senate Health  
20 Committee and Senator Bill Monning.



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May 07, 2013 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

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

May 14, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Absent: 1 - Mar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/14/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/22/13

Date Approved

Date: May 22, 2013

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

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