

RESOLUTION NO. 071738

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
INDICATING THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR
THE DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER STAKEHOLD PROCESS CURRENTLY BEING
UNDERTAKEN, AND AN OUTCOME OF REASONABLE REGULATIONS SO THAT SMALL
DAIRIES CAN BE RELIEVED OF BURDENSOME REGULATION
AND DIRECTLY CONTRACT WITH CONSUMERS.**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, as has been the case throughout our local history, the people of the County of San Mateo, have raised food for themselves, and their families, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, in this day and age, there are many barriers to people raising their own food and livestock, including that land required for such activities, accessibility, time, knowledge and skills and urban consumers and rural producers have become separated from each other; and

WHEREAS, direct sales between the consumer and the farmer benefits both, and in San Mateo County, consumers enjoy purchasing directly from farmers at farm stands, farmer's markets, and through Consumer Supported Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, that efforts of small farms are vital to the ability of consumers to purchase from farmers, and the County of San Mateo supports this work, promoting local agriculture awareness and buying locally grown food, through its participation in the Food Systems Alliance and the As Fresh As It Gets program; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has stated a commitment to increase access to farm products; and

WHEREAS, local dairies struggle with the onerous one-size-fits-all regulations and farmers and consumers would benefit from reasonable regulation that would allow private contractual relationships for purchase of milk from these producers, while at the same time protecting the public's health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors supports the stakeholder process being undertaken by the CDFA to address this issue and the adoption of state laws that support and encourage continued and expanded direct to consumer farm products sales.

NOW, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisor directs the President to send a letter to CDFA reflecting this position.

Regularly passed and adopted this 13th day of December, 2011.

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors: DAVE PINE
CAROLE GROOM
DON HORSLEY
ROSE JACOBS GIBSON
ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors: NONE

Absent Supervisors: NONE

Carole Groom
President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.

R. Romero

Rebecca Romero, Deputy
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors