

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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**RESOLUTION STATING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL
(AB) 626, REGARDING MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHENS, IN SAN MATEO
COUNTY AND APPOINTING SUPERVISORS CANEPA AND HORSLEY TO A
SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSESS AND REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 626 IN
SAN MATEO COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, San Mateo County seeks to pursue and adopt policies, programs and activities that foster economic empowerment, food access and strong and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to expanding access to a wide variety of foods prepared locally and to supporting small-scale businesses and microenterprises; and

WHEREAS, small-scale, home-cooking operations can create significant economic opportunities for people that need them the most – often women, immigrants and people of color; and

WHEREAS, the sale of home-cooked meals by small-scale operators can improve access to healthy foods for communities, particularly in communities with limited options; and

WHEREAS, the bar for entry to restaurant ownership is high, and access to rental kitchens is limited by physical availability and cost, such that an informal economy

of locally produced and prepared hot foods exists in the form of meal preparation services, delivery of home-cooked items and communally shared meals; and

WHEREAS, many experienced cooks in California, including in San Mateo County, work in the informal food economy, often because of disability, family responsibilities or lack of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 626 went into effect at the beginning of this year, and this new law authorizes counties and cities to adopt ordinances or resolutions permitting microenterprise home kitchens (MHKs), subject to various requirements set forth in the legislation; and

WHEREAS, AB 626 would allow for a low-cost and accessible way for independent, small-scale cooks to establish food preparation businesses from their homes, selling meals to diners who are served on site or as take out or delivery; and

WHEREAS, in light of the benefits that would flow from implementation of AB 626, this Board expresses support for implementation of AB 626 in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns, including in the areas of staffing, processing, and logistics, that need to be addressed in order to ensure an orderly implementation of AB 626 in the County, and it is appropriate to appoint a subcommittee of this Board to work with staff to assess and report on these concerns and to develop an appropriate form of ordinance or resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby expresses its support for implementation of AB 626 in San Mateo County.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that Supervisors Canepa and Horsley are appointed to a subcommittee of this Board to work with staff to assess and report on implementation of AB 626 in San Mateo County and to develop and bring to this Board an appropriate form of ordinance or resolution to implement AB 626 in San Mateo County.

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