

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to oppose Assembly Bill 626, which would allow potentially hazardous foods cooked in home kitchens to be sold to consumers in the State of California

WHEREAS, AB 626 is a dangerous expansion of California’s cottage food law, and

WHEREAS, under current law, non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in home kitchens may be sold to the public, and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health maintains a list of non-potentially hazardous foods, and

WHEREAS, AB 626 would allow individuals to prepare potentially hazardous foods for sale to the public,

WHEREAS, potentially hazardous foods are those that must be maintained and cooked at specific temperatures to avoid spreading pathogens

WHEREAS, AB 626 will increase the likelihood of foodborne illness outbreaks

WHEREAS, local public health and environmental health departments work to prevent and reduce the spread of foodborne illnesses in their communities, and

WHEREAS, home kitchens cannot be regulated by public health and environmental health departments to the same standard as commercial kitchens, and

WHEREAS, food prepared and sold out of home kitchens have an increased risk of causing outbreaks of foodborne illness, and

WHEREAS, foodborne illnesses can result in missed work, extensive treatment, hospitalization, and death, and

WHEREAS, foodborne illnesses pose significant costs to the state and local governments

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States Department of Agriculture estimated the medical costs of six common foodborne illnesses to California exceed \$50 million, and

WHEREAS, each year, the estimated economic cost of foodborne illness experienced by _____ County is \$____, including \$_____ in direct costs to government, and

WHEREAS, expanding restaurant operations to home kitchens will likely result increased incidences of foodborne illness, leading to higher medical and lost productivity costs, and

WHEREAS, when outbreaks occur, local health departments must conduct costly investigations, further impacting county resources.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of _____ County, strongly urge the California State Legislature to oppose AB 626, which would allow potentially hazardous foods cooked in home kitchens to be sold to consumers in the State of California

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2018, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of _____.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By _____

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