

RESOLUTION NO. 09-62

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
FAIRFAX SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006, California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective and bans landfill disposal of universal waste that is deemed hazardous, such as household batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, thermometers and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices including video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the list of universal waste determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow as additional products are declared hazardous by the State of California, the burden to manage these universal wastes will fall on the ratepayers of local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council supports statewide efforts to hold producers accountable for universal waste management costs; and

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of universal waste; and

WHEREAS, since local governmental ratepayers, rather than product manufacturers currently bear the costs to properly manage universal waste, local governments and ratepayers are in effect subsidizing the production of universal waste; and

WHEREAS, extended producer responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and has been shown to be effective in the European Union and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is a strong incentive to design and purchase goods that are more durable, easier to recycle and less toxic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Fairfax Town Council hereby adopts this resolution urging its legislative representatives to support extended producer responsibility legislation that shifts universal and other waste management costs from local government and ratepayers to the producer of the product, giving said producers an incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and easier to recycle and reducing the amount of toxic universal waste in our local environment and regional landfills.

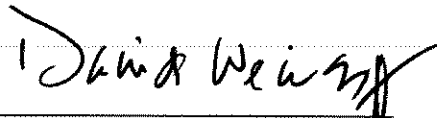
The foregoing Resolution shall be sent by the Town Clerk to the Office of the Governor, State Senator Mark Leno and Assembly Member Jared Huffman without delay.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 2nd day of September, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Bragman, Brandborg, Maggiore, Tremaine, Weinsoff

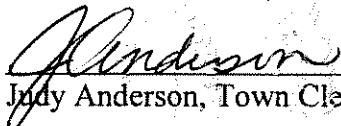
NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Mayor David Weinsoff

Attest:



Judy Anderson, Town Clerk