

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 259191

Adopted on SEP 12 1983

WHEREAS, fresh tomato acreage in San Diego County totals approximately 6,600 acres, representing a 49% increase since 1973 in our county's fresh tomato acreage; and

WHEREAS, we are the foremost contributor to California's fresh tomato production, which is the second largest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are two types of tomato ripening procedures: mature green and vine-ripened; and

WHEREAS, mature green tomato growers, predominately located in the northern portion of the state, harvest when the tomato has reached a mature green stage and the tomatoes, which emit ethylene during the natural ripening process, are then exposed to concentrated amounts of ethylene to accelerate the ripening process; and

WHEREAS, vine-ripened tomato growers located primarily in San Diego County, harvest when the tomatoes exhibit a pink or red color and allow for natural ripening without the induction of ethylene; and

WHEREAS, AB 2176 (Peace) would prohibit any person from selling raw tomatoes at retail unless the tomatoes are labeled as either "artificially-ripened" or "vine-ripened" tomatoes; and

WHEREAS, the need for increased consumer awareness is recognized by both proponents and opponents of the bill; and

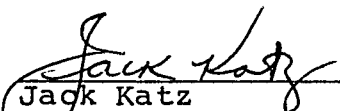
WHEREAS, on August 15, 1983, the Rules Committee had before

it the matter of AB 2176 (Peace)-Tomato Labeling and considered all of the facts in respect thereto, as set forth in the IRD Report No. 83-60, dated August 10, 1983; and

WHEREAS, after discussion and deliberation, the Rules Committee voted unanimously to support AB 2176 (Peace) and now recommends that the full Council support the proposed legislation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, after consideration of the background and discussion contained in IRD Report No. 83-60, dated August 10, 1983, does hereby express its support for AB 2176 (Peace) concerning Tomato Labeling.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

By 

Jack Katz
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 12 1983,
by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Bill Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Cleator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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William Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mike Gotch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dick Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uvaldo Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Roger Hedgecock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

ROGER HEDGECOCK
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By June A. Blackwell, Deputy.

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