

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303304DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 28 2008

WHEREAS, "*foie gras*" or fattened liver, is the artificially enlarged liver of a duck or goose that has been force-fed twenty percent of its healthy body weight per day for two to three weeks. In order to be labeled *foie gras*, the liver must be five to ten times its normal size and nearly one hundred percent fat; and

WHEREAS, effective in 2012, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB1520 into law, which will make it illegal to sell or produce foie gras in California. At least fifteen countries have banned foie gras production, and only a few still produce it. In 2006, the City of Chicago banned the sale of foie gras by a Council vote of forty-eight to one; and

WHEREAS, in May 2007, Zogby International conducted a random, scientific telephone poll of San Diego adults and found that after being told how *foie gras* is produced, eighty-five percent of San Diegans want the City to ban foie gras immediately, without waiting for the statewide ban to go into effect; and

WHEREAS, virtually all animal protection groups recognize *foie gras* as inherently cruel; these groups include the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA); and

WHEREAS, many restaurants in San Diego have voluntarily stopped serving *foie gras*. Some chefs have noted that a ban would allow them to do this without losing business to competitors who continue to sell *foie gras* without telling their customers how it is produced; and

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WHEREAS, world renowned chef, Wolfgang Puck, recently removed *foie gras* from all of his restaurants, citing animal cruelty concerns; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have discovered a link between *foie gras* consumption and Alzheimer's disease due to proteins that are similar to those that cause mad cow disease; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, commends the Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL) for raising awareness of the cruel practice of force-feeding ducks and geese to produce *foie gras*, commends the many San Diego restaurants that have stopped selling *foie gras* before the California statewide ban goes into effect, and encourages San Diegans to avoid supporting this extreme form of animal cruelty.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JAN - 8 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Please note the Mayor did not sign this resolution within the specified time limit. (See San Diego City Charter Section 280)