RESOLUTION NO. 2011-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF RAT AND MOUSE POISONS DEEMED AN UNREASONABLE RISK TO CHILDREN, PETS AND WILDLIFE

WHEREAS, In 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for rodenticides, and expressed concern about accidental human exposures to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, In September 2004, the US EPA released its Revised Comparative Ecological Assessment for nine Rodenticides, which found more than 300 documented wildlife incidents of exposure of birds and nontarget mammals, including endangered species, to rodenticides, in particular those rodenticides that contain the ingredient brodifacoum; and

WHEREAS, Brodifacoum residue has been detected in liver tissue of 27 of 32 endangered kit foxes screened for rodenticide residues from 1999 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of Poison Control Centers annually receives between 12,000 and 15,000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to these types of products; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the US EPA issued its Final Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides, and gave producers until June 2011 to research, develop and register new products that would be safer for children, pets and wildlife; and

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WHEREAS, Several companies have recently advised US EPA that they do not intend to adopt the new safety measures stipulated in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision, these companies include Reckitt Benckiser Inc. (makers of D-Con, Fleeject, and Mimas rodent control products), Spectrum Group (makers of Hot Shot rodent control products), and Liphatech Inc. (makers of Generation, Maki, and Rozol rodent control products); and

WHEREAS, As a result of the above companies' actions, many of the products that the US EPA considers to pose an unacceptable risk to children, pets and wildlife are still being sold to Albany residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Albany urges Albany businesses to stop the sale of rat and mouse poisons that would be prohibited under the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Albany urges Albany residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Albany urges that all manufacturers of rat and mouse poisons immediately stop manufacture and sale of rat and mouse poisons that do not incorporate the safety measures specified in the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Albany urges the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to cancel or refuse to renew registration of the above products.

Farid Javandel, Mayor

U.S. EPA List of Rodenticide Products "that cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment"

D-CON CONCENTRATE KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-3 (warfarin)

D- READY MIXED KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-4 (warfarin)

D- MOUSE PRUFE KILLS MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-9 (warfarin)

D- PELLETS KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-15 (warfarin)

RID-A-RAT RAT & MOUSE KILLER, EPA Reg. No. 8845-39 (warfarin)

D- MOUSE PRUFE II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-65 (brodifacoum)

D- PELLETS GENERATION II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-66 (brodifacoum)

D-BAIT PELLETS II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-74 (brodifacoum)

D- READY MIXED GENERATION II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-81 (brodifacoum)

D- MOUSE-PRUFE III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-85 (difethialone)

D-BAIT PELLETS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-86 (difethialone)

D- II READY MIX BAITBITS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-87 (difethialone)

D-BAIT PACKS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-88 (difethialone)

GENERATION MEAL BAIT PACKS, EPA Reg. No. 7173-247 (difethialone)

DIFETHIALONE BAIT STATION, EPA Reg. No. 7173-283 (difethialone)

DIFETHIALONE 6G PASTE PL PKS, EPA Reg. No. 7173-285 (difethialone)

HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER, EPA Reg. No. 8845-125 (bromethalin)

HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT KILLER 1, EPA Reg. No. 8845-126 (bromethalin)

HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT & MOUSE KILLER, EPA Reg. No. 8845-127 (bromethalin)

HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER BAIT STATION, EPA Reg. No. 8845-128 (bromethalin)

Source: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/mice-and-rats/cancellation-process.html Accessed November 7, 2011



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 19th day of December, 2011, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile and Mayor Javandel

NOES:

ABSENT:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 20th Day of December, 2011.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Eileen Havington