

Resolution No. 4027

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
OPPOSING SALE AND PURCHASE OF RAT AND MOUSE POISONS DEEMED AND
UNREASONABLE RISK TO CHILDREN, PETS AND WILDLIFE**

WHEREAS, in 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Registration 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 to 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 Americans 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

WHEREAS, several companies have recently advised US EPA that they do not intend to adopt the new safety measure 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, pet and wildlife are still being sold to San Anselmo residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council urges San Anselmo 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 Town Council urges San Anselmo residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods.

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

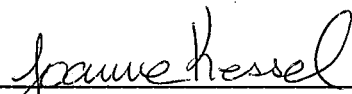
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council urges the California Department of Pesticides Regulation to cancel or refuse to renew registration of the above products.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo held on this 26th day of March, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Coleman, Kroot, McInerney
NOES: None
ABSENT: Greene



Kay Coleman, Mayor



Barbara Chambers, Town Clerk
Joanne Kessel for Barbara Chambers