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## San Francisco Supervisors Call for Statewide Factory Farm Moratorium

"No More Factory Farms" campaign asks legislators to prohibit the construction of new factory farms and slaughterhouses

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Direct Action Everywhere activists using a "U-Haul" truck, chains, and locks to block the entrance to a Foster Farms meatpacking plant in September (Credit: Direct Action Everywhere)

NOVEMBER 17, SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco's Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday afternoon which states that the City and County of San Francisco supports a moratorium on the construction and expansion of animal feeding operations, factory farms, and slaughterhouses in California; and encourages the United States legislature to support the <a href="Farm Systems Reform Act">Farm Systems Reform Act</a>. The resolution was made in conjunction with the "No More Factory Farms" campaign led by the grassroots animal rights network <a href="Direct Action Everywhere">Direct Action Everywhere (DxE)</a>.

The resolution declares that animal agriculture is a <u>leading cause of environmental destruction</u>, poses grave risks to public health, abuses and kills nonhuman animals, and often creates dangerous and exploitative conditions for workers.

The resolution was introduced November 9 by Supervisor Matt Haney.

"Across California, millions of animals are routinely confined, abused and killed in animal agricultural facilities, violating California animal cruelty laws with little to no enforcement," said Haney, who went on to decry California subsidizing the industry "millions of dollars of government funding and tax credits every year"

Zoe Jonick, a youth organizer and activist with 350 Bay Area, said, "Action is needed now to halt the expansion of factory farming and work towards climate justice for all!"

DxE's "No More Factory Farms" campaign calls on California and federal legislators to prohibit the construction of new factory farms and slaughterhouses.

DxE says the state's factory farming industry exerts undue political influence to not only abuse with impunity, but also to quash dissent. Four DxE investigators began preliminary hearings Monday in Sonoma County, California, <u>facing</u> <u>multiple felony charges</u> after exposing allegedly criminal animal abuse and removing distressed animals from factory farms.

DxE also led the advocacy effort culminating in July when <u>Berkeley, California committed to switching</u> 50% of city expenditures on meat, dairy, eggs and all other animal-based foods to plant-based by 2024, and committed to a long-term goal of 100% plant-based purchases.

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Investigators with <u>Direct Action Everywhere (DxE)</u> enter farms, slaughterhouses, and other agricultural facilities to document abuses, and to rescue sick and injured animals. DxE's investigatory work has been featured in <u>The New York Times, ABC Nightline</u>, and a <u>mass pig killing Glenn Greenwald exposé</u>. DxE activists have been <u>subjected to FBI raids</u> and <u>felony prosecutions</u> for their investigative work. The group also led the 2019 grassroots effort to <u>ban fur products in California</u> and the 2021 effort to transition Berkeley city purchases to <u>100% plant based foods</u>. Visit DxE on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and at <u>directactioneverywhere.com</u>.