Breed condemns S.F. supes’ cease-fire resolution
Mayor says board’s vote regarding MidCity war doesn’t represent city

By Nora Mishance

In a rare move, San Francisco Mayor London Breed has condemned the Board of Supervisors for passing a resolution that calls for a cease-fire in the Israeli-Hamas war, saying their vote does not represent the city.

The mayor’s rebuke on Saturday came four days after the board voted 8-3 in favor of the resolution, which called for the cease-fire, the delivery of humanitarian aid and the release of all hostages in the region. Spurred by Supervisor Dean Preston, who is Jewish, the resolution drew an outpouring of public feedback, including from hundreds of pro-Palestinian demonstrators who packed City Hall when it was introduced last Wednesday.

“This is not the board’s voice. It is not our values. It is not what the people of this city want. It is not what I believe in,” Breed said in a statement Saturday afternoon. “This one vote is an exception.”

What happened at the Board of Supervisors during this last month did not reflect our values. While I supported the need for community members to be heard, the process at the Board only intensified distrust and fear.

On Sunday, Preston said he was disappointed.

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Wine, spirits now subject to recycling fee

By Esther Madyke

Starting this month, Californians will pay a little bit more for wine and spirits. The new fee is reflected in the price they pay for these empty bottles to a recycling center, which can differ by county.

Just like soda bottles and beer cans, wine and spirits bottles are subject to a bottle deposit fee of 10 cents per bottle plus a 5-cent per bottle recycling fee.

The fee is the same regardless of the type of wine or spirit, though the deposit varies by county.

California Treasurer John Chiang, who oversees the state’s recycling program, said the fee will be about $90 million per year.

The new fees are part of a state-wide recycling program.

Recycle identifies 20 recycling centers within the city of San Francisco, but of the 40 throughout the city, there are only a few per week. The website lists about 40 in Oakland and one in Berkeley.

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