

Coalition for San Francisco

Neighborhoods

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Commission on the Environment (COE)

Re: Require the Department of the Environment to use the FY 2012–13 budgeted \$51,000 provided by City Departments and allocated by the Board of Supervisors for its intended purpose to provide Administrative Staff Support to the Urban Forestry Council

Dear Supervisors and Commissioners:

At its General Assembly meeting on November 20, 2012 the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN), a community “umbrella” organization comprised of 48 individual San Francisco neighborhood organizations representing thousands of the city’s residents, passed the following resolution:

Whereas, the Urban Forestry Council (the “Council”/UFC) was created to “protect the community interest and ensure that San Francisco realizes the full range of tree benefits into the future” including its role to “advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and other City departments;” and

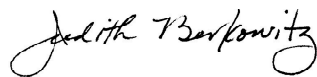
Whereas, the Urban Forestry Council is the forum for citizens of the City to discuss urban forestry issues, landmark tree requests, and other City policies in relation to urban forestry; and

Whereas, in past years the Urban Forestry Council has been allocated \$51,000 for Council administrative support, and in 2012 the Board of Supervisors also allocated \$51,000 for Council administrative support. However the Department of the Environment has failed to direct 100% of this funding to support the administrative requirements of the Council; and

Whereas, this action has both failed to comply with the intended use of funds from the City departments that contributed the \$51,000, and failed to facilitate the operations of and to maintain a viable Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges both the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Environment to *fully* restore the Fiscal Year 2012–13 funding exclusively to support the operations of the Urban Forestry Council as originally intended by the Board of Supervisors, and to ensure its intended funding in succeeding years.

Sincerely,



Judith Berkowitz, President

cc: Urban Forestry Council Members: Maria D’Agostino, Dan Flanagan, Chris Buck, Dr. Larry Costello, Malcolm Hillan, Rose Hillson, Sandy Sherwin, Dan Sider, Andrew Sullivan, Megan Sutherland, Mike Barrow, Melinda Stockmann, Stanley Muraoka, Commission on the Environment Matt Tuchow, Ruth Gravanis, Joshua Arce, Angelo King, Alan Mok, Heather Stephenson, Johanna Wald, Director Commission on the Environment Melanie Nutter, Council and Commission Secretary Monica Fish, Supervisors David Chiu, John Avalos, David Campos, Carmen Chu, Malia Cohen, Sean Elsbernd, Mark Farrell, Jane Kim, Eric Mar, Christina Olague, Scott Wiener; Clerk of the Board Angela Calvillo

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