

1 Amendments to the Urban Forestry Council Membership and Meeting Schedule
2 Requirements.

3 **[Resolution Amending Urban Forestry Council Membership and Meeting Requirements in**
4 **Chapter 12 of the Environment Code]**

5 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council serves as an advisory body to the
6 Mayor and Board of Supervisors on urban forestry issues; and,

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Environment Code includes a requirement that the
8 Urban Forestry Council shall meet once a month; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council currently meets nine times a year, its
10 Planning and Policy and Funding Committees meet eleven times a year, and its
11 Landmark Tree Committee meets as needed when there is a Landmark Tree
12 nomination to review; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council was formed to be a collaborative body,
14 joining city departments, nonprofits, educators, community members, and industry
15 professionals; and,

16 WHEREAS, For the Council to be the most effective, it is important to ensure all
17 seats are filled with the most qualified members; and,

18 WHEREAS, For the Council to be most effective, it is important that they are able
19 to schedule meetings as needed, on a regular basis; and,

20 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department
21 representatives are currently voting members, while the remaining city department and
22 public agency representatives are not; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Council has had a long term vacancy in the GGNRA seat; and,

24 WHEREAS, The majority of forestry work performed within the Presidio of San
25 Francisco falls within the purview of the Presidio Trust; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Council has had a long term vacancy in the Redevelopment
2 seat due to dissolution of that agency; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Council can attract the best candidate by ensuring the
4 membership accurately reflects the broad range of urban forest stakeholders; and,

5 WHEREAS, the Council would be most effective if all members had equal
6 standing; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Council urges the Board of Supervisors to amend Chapter
8 12 of the Environment Code to make all members voting members; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
10 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to expand the GGNRA seat
11 to include a potential representative from GGNRA or the Presidio Trust; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
13 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to replace the
14 Redevelopment representative with a representative from either the Port of San
15 Francisco, the San Francisco Airport Commission, or the Housing Authority, and be, it,

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
17 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to change the meeting
18 requirements of the Council from meeting monthly to meeting regularly as needed per
19 the Urban Forestry Council Bylaws.

20 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
21 Regular Meeting on

22 _____

23 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Dan Flanagan, Council Chair

24 VOTE:

25 Ayes:

26 Noes:

27 Absent: