

1 **[Commending the Laborers Union/City and County of San Francisco**
2 **Gardeners Apprenticeship Program]**

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4 **Commending the Laborers Union/City and County of San Francisco Gardeners**
5 **Apprenticeship Program for graduating the program's first class of community**
6 **workers.**

7 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Laborers Union Northern California District Council
8 and Laborers Union Local 261 teamed up with the City and County of San
9 Francisco's Recreation and Park Department and Department of Public Works to
10 create a unique partnership to improve the quality of the City's parks, open spaces,
11 and streets while developing long-term career opportunities for local workers in
12 landscaping and horticultural services; and,

13 WHEREAS, In October 2010, the State of California's Division of
14 Apprenticeship Standards certified the Laborers/City and County of San Francisco
15 Gardeners Apprenticeship Program that resulted from this collaboration as the first
16 state-certified program of its kind; and,

17 WHEREAS, Participants in the apprenticeship program receive both hands-
18 on training in areas such as Golden Gate Park and dozens of other parks facilities
19 and public spaces combined with classroom instruction in horticulture and plant
20 identification in partnership with City College of San Francisco, which together lead
21 to full-time employment for graduates with a sustainable living wage and benefits;
22 and,

1 WHEREAS, The program also promotes effective implementation of San
2 Francisco Department of the Environment policies such as the Urban Forestry
3 Council Ordinance and important safeguards for our City’s families such as the
4 Department’s Reduced Risk Pesticide List; and,

5 WHEREAS, On Thursday July 25, 2013 the program celebrated its first class
6 of apprenticeship graduates and City departments announced plans to expand the
7 program in future cycles going forward, presenting the opportunity to serve even
8 more members of the community workforce and the potential for the Department of
9 Environment to partner with the Laborers Union and participating City departments
10 to promote apprenticeship opportunities for Environment Now graduates; now
11 therefore, be it,

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment and
13 the Department of the Environment commend the Laborers Union and the first class
14 of graduates of the landmark apprenticeship program on this historic occasion and
15 wish the program continued success going forward.

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RESOLUTION NO.

1 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
2 Environment at its meeting on .

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4 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

5 Vote:

6 Ayes:

7 Noes:

8 Absent:

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