

1 **[Resolution Endorsing the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees]**

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3 **The Urban Forestry Council endorses the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street**
4 **Trees and urges the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the**
5 **Department of Public Works, and the Planning Department to adopt the Urban**
6 **Forest Plan, incorporate the Urban Forest Plan into the City’s General Plan, and**
7 **to complete the next two phases of the Urban Forest Plan related to Parks and**
8 **Open Spaces and Trees and Greening Buildings and Private Property.**

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors to formed the Urban Forestry Council to
10 protect the community interest and ensure that San Francisco realizes the full range of
11 tree benefits into the future; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Council is charged with guiding the stewardship of San
13 Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all
14 San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council is charged with development and
16 adoption of a comprehensive urban forest plan; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council adopted the 2006 Urban Forest Plan;
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19 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has updated the 2006 Urban Forest Plan
20 with the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees (2014); and,

21 WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees includes important
22 planning, funding and design considerations to improve the management, health, and
23 size of San Francisco’s urban forest and street tree population; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Planning Department intends to develop two future phases of
25 the Urban Forest Plan focusing on Parks and Open Spaces and Urban Greening; and,

1 WHEREAS, The City’s General Plan identifies that, “The livability, amenity and
2 character of residential areas are greatly enhanced by trees, more so than by any other
3 single element”; and,

4 WHEREAS, The City’s General Plan identifies an adopted policy to “Maintain and
5 expand the Urban Forest”; and,

6 WHEREAS, In Urban Forestry Council’s Annual Urban Forest Reports, which
7 provides the most comprehensive data on urban forestry management activities and
8 resources, San Francisco’s urban forest managers consistently identify their highest
9 priority issue is the lack of adequate resources to effectively maintain the city’s trees;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS Urban Forestry Council has continually advocated for dedicated,
12 stable funding to support the city’s urban forestry; therefore, be it:

13 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the Urban Forest Plan:
14 Phase One, Street Trees; and be it,

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the goal of
16 maximizing the benefits of our urban trees as outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be
17 it,

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the goal of
19 stabilizing the urban forest and increasing the canopy cover of San Francisco to 25% by
20 2033, including planting an additional 50,000 street trees, as outlined in the Urban
21 Forest Plan; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council endorses the
23 establishment of Citywide Street Tree Maintenance Program whereby the Department
24 of Public Works would take on maintenance responsibility for 100% of San Francisco’s
25 street trees; and be it,

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council supports the
2 establishment of dedicated funding sources for street tree planting and maintenance as
3 outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Department
5 of Public Works to manage all street trees through their lifecycles including the
6 establishment of a Street Tree Nursery and Urban Wood Re-Use Program, with secured
7 adequate funding as outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That that the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
9 Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Planning Department to adopt the
10 Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees and incorporate the Plan into the General
11 Plan; and be it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
13 Supervisors, Planning Department and other City Agencies to prioritize funding and
14 support for the completion of the next two phases of the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Planning
16 Department to work with the Recreation and Parks Department and the Department of
17 the Environment to complete the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Two, Parks and Open
18 Spaces and the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Three, Greening Buildings and Private
19 Property.

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