

1 **Resolution Urging the Board of Supervisors to Develop a Fund to Manage Street**
2 **Trees.**

3 The Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of Supervisors to develop and implement a
4 plan to create a dedicated funding source to enable San Francisco Public Works to take
5 on maintenance responsibility for 100% of San Francisco's street trees.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, The Council is charged with development and adoption of a
13 comprehensive urban forest plan; and

14 WHEREAS, The Council has found that requiring private property owners to
15 maintain street trees is harmful to the long-term viability of the City's urban forest and
16 has urged the Mayor and the Board Of Supervisors to identify and develop long-term
17 funding options to support urban forestry programs (Resolution No. 006-11-UFC); and

18 WHEREAS, The Council has endorsed the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One,
19 Street Trees and has endorsed the establishment of the Citywide Street Tree
20 Maintenance Program, whereby San Francisco Public Works would take on
21 maintenance responsibility for 100% of San Francisco's street trees (Resolution No.
22 007-14-UFC); and,

23 WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees was incorporated
24 into the City's General Plan by the Board of Superiors through Ordinance No. 23-15 in
25 February 2015; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Council supports the establishment of dedicated funding
2 sources for street tree planting and maintenance as outlined in the Urban Forest Plan;
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4 WHEREAS, The Council has continually advocated for dedicated, stable funding
5 to support the city's urban forestry; and,

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco's urban forest managers consistently identify the lack
7 of adequate resources to effectively maintain the City's trees as their highest priority
8 issue; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council commends the efforts of the Board
10 of Supervisors in prioritizing street tree management through their adoption of the Urban
11 Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees into the City's General Plan; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council renews its finding that
13 the transfer of street tree maintenance responsibilities to private property owners will be
14 harmful to the long-term viability of the City's urban forest; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Urban Forestry Council recognizes the importance
16 of establishing a dedicated funding source to manage street trees; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
18 Supervisors to develop and implement a plan to establish a dedicated fund for street
19 tree management and if necessary to submit this plan to the voters.

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21 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
22 Regular Meeting on May 27, 2016.

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25 Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager

Dan Flanagan, Council Chair

26 VOTE: Approved; Absent; Vacant

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1 Ayes:

2 Noes:

3 Absent:

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