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1 [Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticides List for 2020]

2 *Draft for consideration by the Policy Committee of the Commission on the Environment at the*
3 *September 14, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting.*

4 **Resolution Adopting a Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticides List (“RRPL”).**

5 WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 303(e) of the San Francisco Environment Code
6 allows the Commission on the Environment to exempt “reduced-risk” pesticide products
7 from the pesticide ban imposed by the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Ordinance
8 upon a finding that the “reduced-risk” pesticide is commonly used as part of an IPM
9 strategy; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment annually performs an extensive
11 evaluation of pesticide products that may qualify as “reduced-risk” pesticides in
12 consultation with members of the public, scientists, and departments and agencies of the
13 City and County of San Francisco; and,

14 WHEREAS, Data on the hazards of the herbicide ingredient, glyphosate, has
15 strengthened the Department’s focus on identifying the safest alternatives for weed
16 control; and,

17 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2016 the Commission on the Environment approved
18 the RRPL 2016, which included a new set of restrictions on certain herbicides used on
19 City properties (“herbicide restrictions”) aimed at further reducing the use of these
20 products; and,

21 WHEREAS, In 2017, 2018, and 2019 the Commission on the Environment
22 approved further enhancements to these herbicide restrictions; and,

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1 WHEREAS, City departments involved with the Citywide IPM Program have
2 substantially reduced the use of certain herbicides as a direct result of the herbicide
3 restrictions; and,

4 WHEREAS, These City departments have also hired new staff, undertaken
5 numerous pilot studies, and organized staff trainings all aimed at pursuing the safest
6 weed control practices; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to work closely with
8 other City departments to strengthen the implementation of the herbicide restrictions; and,

9 WHEREAS, Members of the public continue to express concern over the use of
10 certain herbicides on City properties; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to the
12 community's right to know about potential hazards, as articulated in the Precautionary
13 Principle Ordinance; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to
15 promoting pest management practices that are the safest available for City workers, the
16 environment, and the general public; now, therefore be it,

17 RESOLVED, The Department of the Environment staff has developed and
18 recommends the attached revised RRPL, for adoption by the Commission; and be it,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment finds that the
20 pesticide products on the revised RRPL are "reduced-risk" pesticides commonly used as
21 part of an IPM strategy, and are therefore exempt from the ban imposed by Section 302
22 of the Environment Code; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment requests that
2 the Department of the Environment continue to explore with other City departments
3 opportunities for no-pesticide and reduced risk alternatives on public properties, and
4 periodically report on its progress to the Policy Committee; I hereby certify that this
5 Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its meeting on
6 September 22, 2020.

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9 Katie Chansler, Commission Secretary

10 Vote:

11 Ayes:

12 Noes:

13 Absent: