

1 [Climate Stewardship Act]

2 **Resolution in support of the federal Climate Stewardship Act of 2019.**

3 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors formed the Urban Forestry Council to
4 guide the stewardship of San Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable
5 urban forest that benefits all San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety;
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7 WHEREAS, Urban Forestry has been an increasing priority at the State of
8 California and Federal levels in the respective government departments; and,

9 WHEREAS, Senator Cory Booker just recently introduced the Climate
10 Stewardship Act of 2019 in the U.S. Senate; and,

11 WHEREAS, the Climate Stewardship Act will provide incentives for agricultural
12 producers to carry out climate stewardship practices, provide for increased reforestation
13 across the United States, and establish the Coastal and Estuary Resilience Grant
14 Program; and,

15 WHEREAS, research has shown that annual forest carbon sequestration in the
16 U.S. could be increased by 40% through tree planting alone; and,

17 WHEREAS, American Forests, the nation's first forest conservation organization,
18 considers the Climate Stewardship Act to be the most ambitious legislation in our
19 nation's history to mobilize America's forests as a climate change solution; and,

20 WHEREAS, the Climate Stewardship Act includes unprecedented federal
21 investment in urban forests, including cost-share grants to help cities plant 400 million
22 trees with a focus on underserved areas, the establishment of a new Stewardship
23 Corps, modeled on the New Deal-era programs, to help train and mobilize youth from
24 low-income communities, indigenous communities, and communities of color, and the
25 creation of an urban wood reuse program to assist cities to retain sequestered carbon
26 and create jobs in disadvantaged communities; and,

1 WHEREAS, the Act requires all reforestation to employ ecologically-based
2 practices that are informed by climate change science and that enhance forest health
3 and biodiversity, and prioritizes restoration and maintenance of resilient landscapes and
4 provision of increased habitat connectivity for wildlife; and,

5 WHEREAS, the Climate Stewardship Act clearly communicates and acts on the
6 extreme sense of urgency shared at all levels of human society, including at the
7 international level by the 2019 IPCC and IPBES reports, as well as in San Francisco
8 through the Board of Supervisors Climate Emergency resolution; now, therefore be it,

9 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council endorses the federal
10 Climate Stewardship Act of 2019, including all of its provisions and programs for
11 ecosystem restoration and carbon sequestration through sustainable agriculture, forest
12 conservation and wetland restoration.

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14 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council at
15 its Regular Meeting on December 13, 2019.

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Anthony Valdez, Council Secretary

Dan Flanagan, Chair

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22 Vote:

23 Ayes:

24 Noes:

25 Absent: