

1 [San Francisco Climate Action Plan]

2 **Resolution in support of the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan.**

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4 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors formed the Urban Forestry Council to
5 protect the community interest and ensure that San Francisco realizes the full range of
6 tree benefits, and to guide the stewardship of San Francisco's trees by promoting a
7 healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all San Franciscans while ensuring
8 public health and safety; and,

9 WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council’s 2019 strategic plan articulates a goal to
10 develop policy recommendations related to climate change; and

11 WHEREAS, according to a May 2021 analysis by the Scripps Institution for
12 Oceanography and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the global
13 atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration has once again broken recent records,
14 reaching a total of 419 parts per million, a level not seen on the planet for four million
15 years; and,

16 WHEREAS, recent California Executive Orders (B-55-18 in 2018, N-19-19 in
17 2019 and N-82-20 in 2020) mandate bold action to decrease carbon emissions and
18 restore ecosystems; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan acts on the extreme
20 sense of urgency shared at all levels of human society, articulated at the international
21 level by the IPCC and IPBES reports, and by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
22 “Declaring a Climate Emergency in San Francisco” Resolution No. 160-19; and,

1 WHEREAS, the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan brings San Francisco
2 into compliance with the UN Paris Climate Accords; and,

3 WHEREAS, research by the Nature Conservancy and other organizations found
4 that nature-based solutions can provide 37% of the global CO2 mitigation that is needed
5 through 2030; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan includes robust
7 strategies and actions that the Urban Forestry Council has long recommended,
8 including increasing the urban forest cover by 30,000 trees and establishing long term
9 funding for urban greening; and,

10 WHEREAS, tree planting and greening strategies outlined in the 2021 San
11 Francisco Climate Action Plan can provide, in addition to carbon sequestration and
12 increased biodiversity, numerous direct resilience benefits for urban residents, including
13 beauty, cooling, air quality, stormwater management, and overall quality of life; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan aligns with increased
15 investment at the state and federal level in climate change solutions in the urban
16 setting; and

17 WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Council passed a resolution in December 2019
18 supporting the federal Climate Stewardship Act, significant elements of which have
19 been incorporated into the Biden Administration’s proposals for massive investment in
20 climate change mitigation and infrastructure solutions; and,

21 WHEREAS, the 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan could take advantage
22 of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Build Back Better
23 Act which, together, would provide unprecedented federal investment in urban forests

