

[Resolution Commending Dan Flanagan]

Resolution commending Dan Flanagan for his service and dedication to the Urban Forestry Council.

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan, as a representative of the San Francisco non-profit organization, Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), provided exemplary support to the San Francisco Urban Forestry Council for 10 years from March 2011 to March 2021; and,

WHEREAS, from February 2013 to September 2020, Dan Flanagan led the Council as Chair, providing a valuable advocate energy and perspective; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan has been recognized as a national leader in urban forestry for his deep passion and commitment to the health and stability of San Francisco's Urban Forest; and,

WHEREAS, under Dan's leadership, FUF planted 13,963 street trees and 1,100 sidewalk gardens, for a total of 216,480 square feet of concrete converted to urban forest and climate appropriate plantings; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan led the launch of FUF's Green Crew, a workforce development program that provides permanent, part-time employment and training in urban forestry for young adults with minimal work history; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan led an increase in FUF's commitment to environmental justice by focusing its planting efforts in neighborhoods with the least tree canopy coverage; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan developed and maintained close working relationships between FUF and various City agencies, including especially Public Works, Bureau of Urban Forestry, and also the Planning Department, the Department of Environment, the Mayor's Office, the Board of Supervisors, and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan, in his role as Council Chair, played a pivotal role, as an advocate and in collaboration with City agencies, in the creation of the Urban Forest Master Plan, Phase I: Street Trees; and,

1 WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan was a key driver in the successful creation of
2 and campaign for Proposition E, which was overwhelmingly approved by San
3 Francisco voters in November 2016 and provided permanent funding for the
4 maintenance of San Francisco's street trees and repair of sidewalks damaged
5 by tree roots; and,

6 WHEREAS, Dan Flanagan achieved all of these accomplishments with his
7 characteristic grace, humanity and good humor; therefore be it,

8 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council extends its deepest gratitude to
9 Dan Flanagan; and be it,

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council commends Dan
11 Flanagan for his dedication to the Urban Forestry Council and to improving San
12 Francisco's urban forest; and be it,

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council wishes Dan Flanagan
14 well in all his future endeavors.

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16 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry
17 Council's Special Meeting on September 24, 2021.

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21 Peter Brastow, Urban Forestry Coordinator Andrew Sullivan, Council Chair

22 Vote:

23 Ayes:

24 Noes:

25 Absent: