

1 **[SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION**
2 **ADOPTING A REDUCED RISK PESTICIDE LIST (RRPL) FOR 2022]**

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Public concern over the use of certain herbicides has strengthened the
12 Department’s focus on identifying the safest alternatives for weed control; and,

13 WHEREAS, Since 2016 the Commission on the Environment has approved additional
14 herbicide restrictions aimed at reducing the use of higher-hazard herbicide products; and,

15 WHEREAS, City departments involved with the citywide IPM Program have
16 substantially reduced the use of certain herbicides as a direct result of the herbicide restrictions,
17 including a 98.0% reduction in glyphosate (Roundup®) use and a 97.4% reduction in “most
18 hazardous” herbicide use in the City since 2010; and,

19 WHEREAS, These City departments have also hired new staff, undertaken numerous
20 pilot studies, and organized staff trainings aimed at pursuing the safest weed control practices;
21 and,

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

1 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to the
2 community’s right to know about potential hazards, as articulated in the Precautionary Principle
3 Ordinance; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to promoting
5 pest management practices that are both effective and the safest available for City workers, the
6 environment, and the general public; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has developed and recommends the
8 revised 2022 RRPL, for adoption by the Commission; now therefore be it,

9 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment finds that the pesticide products
10 on the revised 2022 RRPL are “reduced-risk” pesticides commonly used as part of IPM strategy,
11 and are therefore exempt from the ban imposed by Section 302 of the Environment Code; and be
12 it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment requests that the
14 Department of the Environment continue to explore with other City departments opportunities
15 for no-pesticide and reduced risk alternatives on public properties, and periodically report on its
16 progress to the Policy Committee.

17 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment
18 at its regular meeting on September 27, 2022.

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21 Kyle Wehner, Commission Secretary

22 Vote:

23 Ayes:

- 1 Noes:
- 2 Absent: