

1 [United States Postal Service Commendation]

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3 **Resolution commending the United States Postal Service San Francisco District**
4 **for their collaboration with the San Francisco Department of the Environment’s**
5 **Zero Waste Program.**

6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of the Environment contacted the
7 United States Postal Service San Francisco District (USPS-SF) in June 2014 regarding
8 the implementation of the San Francisco “Zero Waste” Ordinance Initiative; and,

9 WHEREAS, The USPS-SF welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with the City
10 and County of San Francisco to enhance the USPS-SF’s existing recycling operations,
11 which already included diversion of paper, plastics and cardboard recyclables; and,

12 WHEREAS, The USPS-SF committed to adding compostable materials (used
13 paper towels, napkins, food containers and discarded food waste) and all recyclables
14 (cans, bottles, hard plastics and containers) to their existing recycling practices; and,

15 WHEREAS, In July of 2014, the USPS-SF partnered with the City and County of
16 San Francisco to execute a plan to train over 3,500 USPS employees at all 31 Post
17 Offices within the City and County of San Francisco, including the San Francisco
18 Processing and Distribution Center on effective ways to increase the collection of
19 recyclable and compostable material, while at the same time repurposing and placing
20 more than 300 new recycling and composting collection containers in high traffic areas
21 at all of their San Francisco locations; and,


1 WHEREAS, The USPS-SF consequently reduced landfill service by an average
2 of 70 percent at San Francisco Post Office locations resulting in significant cost savings
3 projected to reach more than \$200,000 dollars per year; now therefore be it,

4 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Commission on the Environment extends a
5 commendation and its appreciation to the United States Postal Service San Francisco
6 District for its partnership and dedication to divert compostable materials out of the
7 waste stream and enhance existing recycling practices; and,

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Commission on the
9 Environment recognizes the United States Postal Service San Francisco District for
10 bringing public awareness to diverting significant quantities of trash tonnage from
11 landfills and incinerators into composting and recycling to help San Francisco towards
12 its goal to achieve Zero Waste by 2020; and,

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Commission on the
14 Environment encourages other United States Postal Service districts to follow the
15 outstanding example set forth by their San Francisco counterparts and adopt and
16 implement similar Zero Waste practices.

17 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
18 Environment at its meeting on March 22, 2016.

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22 Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager

1 Vote: 5-0 Approved

2 Ayes: Commissioners Omotalade, Hoyos, Stephenson, Wald and Wan

3 Noes: None

4 Absent: Commissioner Bermejo

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