

1 [Affirming the Commission’s Commitment to Fight Climate Change]

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3 **Resolution affirming the Commission on the Environment’s commitment to continue**  
4 **advancing bold climate action in the wake of the new federal administration’s attempt**  
5 **to weaken and eliminate policies and programs that reduce harmful greenhouse gas**  
6 **emissions, and urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to adopt a similar**  
7 **resolution.**

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Commission on the Environment seeks to improve,  
9 enhance, and preserve the environment and to promote San Francisco’s long term  
10 environmental sustainability as set forth in Section 4.118 of the City Charter; and,

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, in joining the State of California in  
12 the fight against climate change, has set ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions  
13 targets of 25 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2017, 40 percent below 1990 levels by the  
14 year 2025, and 80 percent by the year 2050 (Board of Supervisors Ordinance No. 81-08); and

15 WHEREAS, In 2013, the City of San Francisco released a Climate Action Strategy  
16 identifying a set of actions that can be taken by citizens, businesses, and government to  
17 collectively achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets;

18 WHEREAS, While climate change will impact all San Franciscans, the health impacts  
19 of climate change are expected to disproportionately affect communities least able to prepare  
20 for, cope with, and recover from them (San Francisco Department of Public Health’s 2017 San  
21 Francisco’s Climate and Health Adaptation Framework); and,

22 WHEREAS, In response to the election of Donald Trump, the San Francisco Board of  
23 Supervisors resolved (Resolution No. 484-16) that “climate change is not a hoax, or a plot by  
24 the Chinese; in this city, surrounded by water on three sides, science matters; we will continue  
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1 our work on CleanPower, Zero Waste, and everything else we are doing to protect future  
2 generations”; and,

3 WHEREAS, There is a strong global consensus and scientific evidence that more than  
4 half of the observed temperature increase since the mid-20th century is due to human, or  
5 anthropogenic, activities (U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Fifth  
6 Assessment Report); and,

7 WHEREAS, Mayors from cities across the globe, including San Francisco, have  
8 recognized the urgency and need to swiftly and boldly join together to tackle the climate crisis  
9 head-on;

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco, as a member of the Mayors National Climate Action  
11 Agenda, which represents more than 41 million Americans in 75 cities across red and blue  
12 states alike, has strongly objected to the Trump Administration’s actions to roll back critically  
13 important U.S. climate policies and has vowed to continue leading the way on protecting  
14 residents from the disastrous effects of climate change; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration has signaled their intent to backtrack on  
16 international climate commitments, including the Paris Climate Agreement which the United  
17 States signed in 2016 along with 194 other parties, even though this is highly unpopular,  
18 detrimental to national interests and the U.S. economy, and will taint the reliability, credibility  
19 and competence of the U.S.; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration is seeking to dismantle environmental  
21 protections by rolling back Clean Air and Clean Water policies and defunding critical Federal  
22 programs that protect public health and safety, stimulate the economy through the creation of  
23 green jobs in renewable energy industries such as wind and solar, and address environmental  
24 impacts in socially and economically vulnerable communities; now, therefore, be it,

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1           RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment has reaffirmed the City’s 0-50-  
2 100-ROOTS climate action goals of sending zero waste to landfill, shifting 50% of all trips to  
3 public transit, ridesharing, biking or walking, achieving 100% renewable energy, and  
4 sequestering carbon through urban forestry and compost application; and, be it,

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment acknowledges that  
6 neither the impacts of climate change nor the solutions will be contained solely within the San  
7 Francisco’s borders and encourages the Department to explore how the City can work with  
8 neighboring jurisdictions to become a “Carbon Positive City” that recognizes carbon as an  
9 asset and capitalizes on the carbon cycle to integrate agriculture and regenerative land  
10 management practices into the City’s climate strategy; and, be it,

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment encourages the  
12 Department to work with other City departments to advance climate initiatives and municipal  
13 projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate adaptation to a changing  
14 climate before the systems our communities depend on to live – our air, water, food, shelter,  
15 transportation, infrastructure and safety – are threatened; and, be it,

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment encourages the  
17 Mayor, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and the Department to continue to develop  
18 bold and forward-thinking public policies that expand upon San Francisco’s climate action and  
19 environmental leadership while continuing to work with global and national networks and  
20 partnerships to share best practices and collaborate on innovative strategies to reduce global  
21 greenhouse gas emissions before we are locked into a future of uncontrollable and  
22 accelerating climate change; and, be it,

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment encourages the  
24 Department to collaborate with Cities across California and the U.S. that have relied on  
25 federal leadership to take action on climate and energy; and, be it,

1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment remains committed  
 2 to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement regardless of actions taken by the Trump  
 3 administration to withdraw from the agreement or denounce its merits; and, be it,

4            FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the San  
 5 Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

6            I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the  
 7 Environment’s Meeting on March 28, 2017.

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11 Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager

12 Vote:

13 Ayes:

14 Notes:

15 Absent:

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