

1 **[Resolution Endorsing the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees]**

2 The Urban Forestry Council endorses the Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees  
3 and urges the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Department of  
4 Public Works, and the Planning Department to adopt the Urban Forest Plan, incorporate  
5 the Urban Forest Plan into the City’s General Plan, and to complete the next two  
6 phases of the Urban Forest Plan related to Parks and Open Spaces (Phase 2) and  
7 Trees on Private Property and Greening Buildings (Phase 3).

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors formed the Urban Forestry Council to  
9 protect the community interest and ensure that San Francisco realizes the full range of  
10 tree benefits into the future; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Council is charged with guiding the stewardship of San  
12 Francisco's trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all  
13 San Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council is charged with development and  
15 adoption of a comprehensive urban forest plan; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council adopted the 2006 Urban Forest Plan;  
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees includes important  
19 planning, funding and design considerations to improve the management, health, and  
20 size of San Francisco’s street tree population; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Department intends to develop two future phases of  
22 the Urban Forest Plan focusing on Parks and Open Spaces and Trees on Private  
23 Property and Greening Buildings; and,

24 WHEREAS, The City’s General Plan identifies that, “The livability, amenity and  
25 character of residential areas are greatly enhanced by trees, more so than by any other  
26 single element”; and,

1           WHEREAS, The City’s General Plan identifies an adopted policy to “Maintain and  
2 expand the Urban Forest”; and,

3           WHEREAS, In Urban Forestry Council’s Annual Urban Forest Reports, which  
4 provides data on urban forestry management activities and resources, San Francisco’s  
5 urban forest managers consistently identify their highest priority issue is the lack of  
6 adequate resources to effectively maintain the city’s trees; and,

7           WHEREAS, Urban Forestry Council has continually advocated for dedicated,  
8 stable funding to support the city’s urban forestry; therefore, be it:

9           RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the Urban Forest Plan:  
10 Phase One, Street Trees; and be it,

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the  
12 recommendation of maximizing the benefits of our urban trees as outlined in the Urban  
13 Forest Plan; and be it,

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the  
15 recommendation of growing the street tree population by half (50,000 newly planted  
16 street trees) as outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Planning  
18 Department to work with other city departments to develop a city-wide tree canopy  
19 coverage goal as part of the next phases of the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council supports the  
21 establishment of dedicated funding sources for street tree planting and maintenance as  
22 outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council endorses the  
24 establishment of Citywide Street Tree Maintenance Program whereby the Department  
25 of Public Works would take on maintenance responsibility for 100% of San Francisco’s  
26 street trees; and be it,

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Department  
 2 of Public Works to manage all street trees through their lifecycles including the  
 3 establishment of a Street Tree Nursery and Urban Wood Re-Use Program, with secured  
 4 adequate funding as outlined in the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That that the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of  
 6 Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Planning Department to adopt the  
 7 Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees and incorporate the Plan into the General  
 8 Plan; and be it,

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of  
 10 Supervisors, Planning Department and other City Agencies to prioritize funding and  
 11 support for the completion of the next two phases of the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Planning  
 13 Department to work with the Recreation and Parks Department and the Department of  
 14 the Environment to complete the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Two, Parks and Open  
 15 Spaces and the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Three, Trees on Private Property and  
 16 Greening Buildings.

17 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's  
 18 Regular Meeting on May 23, 2014.

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20 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Dan Flanagan, Council Chair

21 VOTE: Approved 8-0; 2 Absent; 1 Vacant

22 Ayes: Council Members Flanagan, Short, Hillan, Hillson, Kida, Leffingwell, Sullivan,  
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24 Noes: None

25 Absent: Council Members Most and Sherwin