

1 [San Francisco Public Works tree removal permit No. 781669]

2 **Resolution urging San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco Board of**  
3 **Appeals to uphold the fine and all the legal remedies afforded to them under**  
4 **Article 16 of the Public Works Code for the illegal removal of two street trees at**  
5 **2465 Van Ness Avenue.**

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

9 WHEREAS, The Council is charged with advising the Mayor, Board of  
10 Supervisors, city departments, and commissions on urban forestry concerns; and,

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

14 WHEREAS, The Council advocates for growing and protecting San Francisco's  
15 urban forest canopy advocates for thorough processes regarding the planting, care, and  
16 removal of street trees; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Council is concerned with the frequency that developers state  
18 no trees will be removed for a project, have the project plans approved, and then later  
19 make changes that require trees to be removed; and,

20 WHEREAS, The approved project plan for 2465 Van Ness Avenue did not  
21 include any tree removals and the developer later requested tree removal permits for  
22 two trees; and,

23 WHEREAS, In compliance with the processes set forth by Article 16 of the San  
24 Francisco Public Works Code, San Francisco Public Works rejected the removal permit  
25 request for two street trees at 2465 Van Ness Avenue; and,

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works' decision to deny the removal permit for  
2 these two trees was appealed and the removal permit was authorized; and,

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works' decision to authorize the removal  
4 permit for the two trees at 2465 Van Ness Avenue was appealed and the Board of  
5 Appeals subsequently suspended the permit; and,

6 WHEREAS, The developer for the project at 2465 Van Ness Avenue illegally  
7 removed the two trees at 2465 Van Ness Avenue without a valid removal permit and  
8 San Francisco Public Works issued the developer a fine for the illegal removal of the  
9 two trees based on their full appraised value; now, therefore be it,

10 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee  
11 urges San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco Board of Appeals to uphold  
12 the full amount of this \$10,150.00 fine and all the legal remedies afforded to them under  
13 Article 16 of the Public Works Code for the illegal removal of two mature street trees at  
14 2465 Van Ness Avenue.

15 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council  
16 Planning and Funding Committee at its Regular Meeting on February 5, 2019.

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Anthony Valdez, Council Secretary

  
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Igor Lacan, Committee Chair

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23 Vote: 4-0 Approved

24 Ayes: Members Lacan, Flanagan, Andrew Sullivan and Troxel

25 Noes: None

26 Absent: Member Crawford