

1 **[Amendments to the Urban Forestry Council Membership and Meeting Schedule**
2 **Requirements]**
3 **Resolution Amending Urban Forestry Council Membership and Meeting Requirements in**
4 **Chapter 12 of the Environment Code.**

5 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council serves as an advisory body to the Mayor
6 and Board of Supervisors on urban forestry issues; and,

7 WHEREAS, Chapter 12 of the Environment Code includes a requirement that the
8 Urban Forestry Council shall meet once a month; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council currently meets nine times a year and its
10 Planning and Policy and Funding Committees meet eleven times a year; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council was formed to be a collaborative body,
12 joining city departments, nonprofits, educators, community members, and industry
13 professionals; and,

14 WHEREAS, For the Council to be the most effective, it is important to ensure all
15 seats are filled with the most qualified members and to change its meeting schedule to
16 state that the "Urban Forestry Council" shall meet six to nine times a year; and,

17 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department
18 representatives are currently voting members, while the remaining city department and
19 public agency representatives are not; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Council has had a long term vacancy in the GGNRA seat; and,

21 WHEREAS, The majority of forestry work performed within the Presidio of San
22 Francisco falls within the purview of the Presidio Trust; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Council has had a long term vacancy in the Redevelopment seat
24 due to dissolution of that agency; and,

25 WHEREAS, The Council can attract the best candidate by ensuring the
26 membership accurately reflects the broad range of urban forest stakeholders; and,

1 WHEREAS, the Council would be most effective if all members had equal
2 standing; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Council urges the Board of Supervisors to amend Chapter 12
4 of the Environment Code to make all members voting members; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
6 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to expand the GGNRA seat
7 to include a potential representative from GGNRA or the Presidio Trust; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
9 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to replace the
10 Redevelopment representative with a representative from either the Port of San
11 Francisco or the San Francisco Airport Commission, and be, it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
13 Supervisors to amend Chapter 12 of the Environment Code to change the meeting
14 requirements of the Council to six to nine times a year.

15 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
16 Regular Meeting on February 25, 2014.

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18 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Dan Flanagan, Council Chair

19 VOTE: Approved 10-0; 1 Vacant

20 Ayes: Members Flanagan, Hillan, Hillson, Kida, Leffingwell, Most, Sherwin, Short, Sullivan
21 and Swae

22 Noes: None

23 Absent: None

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