

1 [San Francisco Carbon Tax]

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3 **Resolution endorsing a San Francisco Carbon Tax.**

4 WHEREAS, In 2007 The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released an  
5 assessment that stated "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident  
6 from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread  
7 melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level"; and

8 WHEREAS, Sir Nicholas Stern, author of "The Stern Review on the Economics of  
9 Climate Change" has stated that "Policy to reduce emissions should be based on three  
10 essential elements: carbon pricing, technology policy, and removal of barriers to behavioral  
11 change."; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 158-02 that called  
13 for the City to develop plans to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 1990  
14 levels by the year 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2004 Climate Action Plan For San Francisco identifies measures to  
16 be implemented that address technology policy and behavior change strategies that will lead  
17 the city towards achieving its 2012 greenhouse gas target, but does not fully address carbon  
18 pricing; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced in December 2007 his  
20 intention to pursue the development of local carbon taxes, which shift the tax burden from  
21 social positives such as job creation to the negative externality of greenhouse gas pollution;  
22 now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment supports the concept of  
24 mitigating transportation, waste and building energy carbon emissions through appropriate  
25 carbon taxes or other appropriate means; and

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment work with the Board  
2 of Supervisors, Mayor, concerned community groups and the public to develop carbon tax  
3 options which can be brought back to this Commission for review and adoption.

4 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the  
5 Environment at its January 22, 2008 Meeting.

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7 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

8 VOTE: Approved (6-0 (1 Absent))

9 AYES: Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Gravanis, King, Martin, Rodriguez Heyman, Tuchow

10 NOES: None

11 ABSENT: Commissioner Wald