

1 Resolution No. 004-003-CoE
2 Purchase of Environmentally Preferable Products (EP3)

3 SUBMITTING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING PILOT PROGRAM
4 FINAL REPORT AND URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO:
5 ENDORSE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT; TO
6 EXPEDITIOUSLY CONSIDER AND ADOPT LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT A CITYWIDE
7 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND TO CONTINUE TO
8 ENACT PROGRAMS THAT PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CITY STAFF AS WELL
9 AS CITY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS BY REDUCING THEIR EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS
10 AND POTENTIALLY TOXIC CHEMICALS THROUGH THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY
11 PREFERABLE PRODUCTS IN CITY OPERATIONS.

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13 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Ordinance
14 on May 15, 1999; and,

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16 WHEREAS, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Ordinance requires the Department of the
17 Environment to conduct a three year pilot study to review the products used by the City in carrying out
18 janitorial services, building maintenance and fleet maintenance operations and the Commission on the
19 Environment to submit a report summarizing the findings of the study and recommendations for future
20 directions for a Citywide Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program; and,

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22 WHEREAS, the pilot program found that of the roughly 300,000 pounds of products used in the City's
23 janitorial services, building maintenance and fleet maintenance operations about half constitute
24 chemicals which may affect the health and safety of the user or building occupants; and,
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1 WHEREAS, the pilot program found that in purchasing environmentally preferable products, a
2 substantial reduction was achieved in the exposure of city staff to chemicals posing potential risks to
3 human health and the environment; and,
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5 WHEREAS, based on the pilot test results, environmentally preferable products are available, effective,
6 similar in cost, and can be used in City operations; and,
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of the Environment has produced a report summarizing the conclusions of
10 the pilot program and recommending a citywide purchasing ordinance that: mandates the purchase of
11 identified environmentally preferable products; defines clear roles and responsibilities; integrates
12 program policies and procedures with the existing procurement process; establishes a waiver process
13 for specialized product types and uses; and provides resources for program start up and
14 implementation; and,
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17 WHEREAS, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing programs are an excellent example of the
18 implementation of the Precautionary approach; therefore, be it
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22 RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment hereby submits the attached Environmentally
23 Preferable Purchasing Pilot Program Final Report and urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of
24 the City and County of San Francisco to endorse the findings and recommendations of the Report,
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1 including the recommendation to implement, through legislation, a Citywide Environmentally
2 Preferable Purchasing Program; and, be it

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4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment supports urges the Mayor and the
5 Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to expeditiously consider and adopt
6 legislation enacting a Citywide Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of
8 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to continue to enact programs that protect the
9 health and safety of City staff as well as City residents and visitors by reducing their exposure to
10 hazardous and potentially toxic chemicals through the use of environmentally preferable products in
11 City operations.
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16 *I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its special
meeting on March 6, 2003.*

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Commission Secretary

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20 VOTE: Pass

21 Ayes: Commissioners Bingham, Evans, Hayes, Rodriguez, and Shah

22 Noes: None

23 Absent: Commissioner Werbe
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