

1 Resolution No. 003-00-COE

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3 URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
4 SAN FRANCISCO TO MAKE URBAN FORESTRY A HIGH PRIORITY IN SAN FRANCISCO

5 [Urban Forestry]

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7 WHEREAS, the environmental, health, and aesthetic benefits of trees are well documented and accepted,
8 and include improved air quality, reduction of energy emissions, absorption of excess waste water, and
9 remediation of contaminated sites; and

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11 WHEREAS, San Francisco, a sparsely-planted area historically, continues to have a lower tree-cover than
12 most major American cities; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a policy in 1984 of increasing the number of street trees in
15 San Francisco by 80,000; and

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17 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has made a significant financial investment in urban
18 forestry since 1984; and

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20 WHEREAS, this investment will be jeopardized if continued funding does not provide for the care and
21 maintenance of these trees; and

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23 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco lacks a centrally conceived and coordinated urban
24 forestry program, but rather divides responsibility and planning under the jurisdictions of several
25 departments; and

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2 WHEREAS, current funding for urban forestry in San Francisco which has come from the Transportation
3 Authority via Proposition B will expire in June of 2000; and

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5 WHEREAS, additional funding for the urban forestry program in San Francisco has not yet been
6 identified; now, therefore be it

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8 RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of
9 the City and County of San Francisco to adopt as a high priority a long-term policy of commitment to
10 restore, replenish, expand, and maintain the urban forest of San Francisco; and, be it

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12 RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of
13 the City and County of San Francisco to call for the establishment of a unified urban forestry plan with
14 central coordination and accountability; and, be it

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16 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Mayor and the Board of
17 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to support and fund the urban forestry program; and,
18 be it

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20 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Transportation Authority to
21 approve funding for the urban forestry program for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.