

1 **[Interim Use of Unused Land.]**

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3 The Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to support
4 activating unused and underused privately owned parcels of land for interim use.

5 WHEREAS, Disuse of lots, which in some cases may be temporary due to
6 suspended development plans, can over time create considerable amounts of blight and
7 attract crime; and,

8 WHEREAS, Property owners of disused land can be fined for blight; and,

9 WHEREAS, Many unused and underused parcels and lots currently exist in San
10 Francisco; and,

11 WHEREAS, These blighted parcels are significantly negatively affecting the
12 neighborhoods they exist in; and,

13 WHEREAS, Unused and underused parcels provide many opportunities for
14 starting and/or supporting urban greening projects, such as garden installations or
15 educational programming; and,

16 WHEREAS, Urban greening projects positively affect the environmental health of
17 the specific neighborhood they are located in as well as the City overall; and,

18 WHEREAS, Urban greening projects can beautify and increase the aesthetic
19 appeal of neighborhoods; and,

20 WHEREAS, Adverse community and private property owner impacts can be
21 mitigated through installing projects and programming on unused sites, even if these
22 projects are interim use only; and,

23 WHEREAS, The City has demonstrated success in activating privately owned
24 disused space through the Arts in Storefronts initiative, which places original art
25 installations in unused storefronts; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's office to create City policy which facilitates interim usages of unused and underused parcels, and lots where development is on hold; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Urban Forestry Council encourages the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's office to prioritize those projects that provide the highest level of environmental benefits, especially those that support urban forestry activities, such as a tree nursery or resources yard.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's regular meeting on June 22, 2010.

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Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Vote: Adopted (8-0) (3 Absent)

AYES: Chair D'Agostino, Vice-Chair Buck, Council Members Cohen, Costello, Hillson, Rodgers, Sherk and Vargas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Members LeBeau, Hillan and Milne