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RESOLUTION NO. 002-07-UFC
January 26, 2007

[Urging the Board of Supervisors to amend its Rules of Order to provide that approved
landmark tree nominations automatically be calendared for hearing before the appropriate
committee of the Board.]

Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to amend its Rules of Order to provide that
landmark tree nominations introduced by a member of the Board and approved by the
Urban Forestry Council automatically be calendared for hearing before the appropriate
committee of the Board.

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the San Francisco Public Works Code, Section 810 of the
San Francisco Urban Forestry Ordinance ("the Ordinance"), provides for "landmarking" of
trees within the City; and

WHEREAS, Under the Ordinance, members of the Board of Supervisors, among
others, may initiate nominations to landmark a tree; and

WHEREAS, When a member of the Board introduces a resolution of intent to initiate a
nomination, the subject tree is temporarily designated as a landmark tree and protected from
removal for 180 days, unless the Board extends the temporary designation for an additional
90 days by resolution; and

WHEREAS, After a nomination is made, the Urban Forestry Council has 60 days to
hold a public hearing on the nomination and an additional 30 days to forward its determination
as to whether the tree qualifies for landmark status; and

WHEREAS, If the Council finds that a tree does qualify, it must then send its
determination back to the Board for final adoption; and

WHEREAS, Because of the time involved in the nomination and evaluation process, a
member of the Board sponsoring a landmark resolution may be left with insufficient time to
arrange for the resolution to be heard by the appropriate committee of the Board and then the

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full Board before the temporary designation expires, leaving the subject tree vulnerable to untimely or inappropriate removal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of Supervisors to amend its Rules of Order to provide that the Clerk of the Board shall automatically calendar for hearing before the appropriate committee of the Board and at the earliest time practicable all landmark tree nominations initiated by a member of the Board and approved by the Urban Forestry Council.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's Regular Meeting on January 26, 2007.

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Monica Fish, Council Secretary

VOTE: Adopted (9-1) (5 Absent)

Ayes: Council Members Milne, Boss, Griswold, Habert, Nervo, Quirke, Sacamano, Sherk, and Sustarich

Noes: Member Blair

Absent: Council Members Cohen, Costello, Marks, Miller and Rodgers