

1 [Tree Disclosure Statement]

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3 **Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Planning**
4 **Department to require a Tree Disclosure Statement as part of all building permit**
5 **applications that include exterior work, demolition or grading.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a relatively small percentage of large trees of high
8 value, as documented by recently completed surveys (UFORE, 2005); and,

9 WHEREAS, It takes many years for a tree to grow to a significant size and character;
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11 WHEREAS, Significant, valuable trees are frequently cut down for small and large
12 developments with inadequate public process; and,

13 WHEREAS, It is a tremendous loss to the surrounding neighborhood when such trees
14 are cut down; and,

15 WHEREAS, It is incumbent on the City to ensure and promote preservation of the
16 existing tree canopy cover within the City Limits; and,

17 WHEREAS, Properly identifying and mapping all trees within a proposed construction
18 site is the first step in preserving these trees; and,

19 WHEREAS, Promoting standards of maintenance required for the protection of the
20 City's urban forest during and after demolition and construction is an effective way to ensure
21 and promote preservation of such trees; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council recommends that that the Board of
23 Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to require that all building permit applications
24 that include exterior work and all demolition or grading permit applications include a complete
25 tree disclosure statement (see Exhibit A: example from City of Palo Alto); and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forest Council recommends that the Board of
2 Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to actively ensure and promote the survival of
3 trees during construction events by providing protection standards and best management
4 practices (see Exhibit A: example from City of Palo Alto); and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forest Council recommends that the Board of
6 Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to ensure that before development plans are
7 approved, that the Developer agrees in writing to: a) inform all contractors of the City's
8 requirement to preserve and protect landmark trees; and b) to provide the best management
9 practices, procedures, and mitigation so that all parties to the development are held
10 accountable for tree preservation and their protection during and after development; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Urban Forest Council recommends that the Board of
12 Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to establish and maintain an up-to-date file of all
13 "Tree Disclosure Statements", and make copies available to the public upon request, as
14 governed by the City's Sunshine Laws.

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16 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forest Council at its regular
17 meeting on September 9, 2005.

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Monica Fish, Council Secretary

20 VOTE: Adopted 9-1 (Absent: 5)
21 Ayes: Council Members Boss, Cohen, Fisher, Griswold, Herman, Miller, Quirke,
Rodgers and Sacamano
22 Noes: Council Member Sullivan
23 Absent: Council Members Blair, Cornell, Costello, Grisso and Milne
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