

1 [Urging the University of California San Francisco to reduce its energy consumption through a  
2 reduction of night lighting]

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4 **Resolution urging the University of California San Francisco to reduce its energy**  
5 **consumption by 10% over the next two years, in part through a reduction of night**  
6 **lighting on its campuses.**

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8 WHEREAS, Energy consumption contributes directly to the production of greenhouse  
9 gases that cause climate change by heating the Earth's atmosphere; and

10 WHEREAS, The specter of global climate crisis, energy shortages, and rising sea  
11 levels affect the entire earth, including San Francisco, a city with three-fourths of its perimeter  
12 surrounded by water from the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is the largest employer  
14 in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, UCSF is a recognized leader in the health of San Francisco citizens and  
16 all of mankind; and

17 WHEREAS, UCSF is committed to promoting the highest ethical and environmental  
18 standards; and

19 WHEREAS, UCSF serves as a natural leader and model for the San Francisco  
20 community; and

21 WHEREAS, The loss of dark nights and starry skies due to street lights has a negative  
22 aesthetic affect on humans and other animals; and

23 WHEREAS, Scientific evidence shows that nightlights often do not inhibit crime,  
24 according to numerous studies, including those by the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers  
25 University; and

\*\*Mirkarimi\*\*

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, Numerous school districts have saved energy costs while reducing  
2 vandalism by darkening their campuses, including the Spokane School District, the Riverside  
3 School District, and the Cupertino Union School District; and

4           WHEREAS, A recent startling research report suggests that nightlight may play a  
5 stimulatory role in environment-associated breast cancer; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges UCSF to begin a  
7 program to reduce its energy consumption by 10% over the next two years; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges UCSF to  
9 accomplish this reduction in part by a reduction of night lighting on its campuses.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the University of California San Francisco to reduce its energy consumption by 10% over the next two years, in part through a reduction of night lighting on its campuses.

June 5, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Absent: 2 - Dufty, Jew

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 5, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Kay Gulbengay  
Interim Clerk of the Board

JUN 15 2007

Date Approved

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: June 15, 2007

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Interim Clerk of the Board

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