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[Urging EPA to uphold Clean Air Act]

Resolution urging Christine Todd Whitman and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to uphold the Clean Air Act and maintain existing pollution controls.

WHEREAS, Christine Todd Whitman and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed regulatory revisions to ease air-quality restrictions on large power-plants, oil refineries, and factories; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Clean Air Act's "New Source Review" program mandates that plants in every state in the nation be required to upgrade pollution controls when they modernize or expand; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the energy industry claim that the current rules deter plants from upgrading their equipment to more modern and cleaner operating machinery; and

WHEREAS, The regulatory change would give industries the ability to repair and maintain plants and expand electricity production without having to install new emissions controls; and

WHEREAS, Plants that plan on expanding would have the flexibility to average their emissions over any 24-month period over the last 10-years to determine a baseline that the EPA would use to assess whether or not new emission controls are necessary; and

WHEREAS, Industries would have the ability to rely upon their highest emission numbers in order to avoid installing emissions controls; and

WHEREAS, By permitting industry to misrepresent today's pollution levels, the EPA will allow plants to substantially increase emissions which will create more air pollution and negatively impact our air quality; and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area and the State of California have their
2 own air protection program which will continue to regulate industrial air pollution; and

3 WHEREAS, If this proposal passes, it will deter industry from the Bay Area and
4 California toward places where pollution controls are less stringent; and

5 WHEREAS, Air pollution has no boundaries and an increase in one state will
6 undoubtedly affect neighboring states; and

7 WHEREAS, Studies show that air pollution is a major contributor to global
8 warming and is associated with many public health concerns such as asthma,
9 bronchitis, lung cancer and premature death; now, therefore, be it,

10 RESOLVED that Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 does hereby urges the Environmental Protection Agency to drop its proposal to revise
12 the Clean Air Act; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send
14 copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, to Christine Todd Whitman,
15 Administrator of the Environment Protection Agency, to the California congressional
16 delegation, and to Senators, Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

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June 24, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, Yee

Absent: 5 - Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 24, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.