

1 [Tree Disclosure Statement]

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3 **Resolution urging the Planning Department to require a Tree Disclosure Statement as**  
4 **part of all building permit applications that include exterior work, demolition or**  
5 **grading.**  
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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a relatively small percentage of large trees of high  
9 value, as documented by recently completed surveys (UFORE, 2005); and,

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

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

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

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

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

23 **RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to require**  
24 **that all building permit applications that include exterior work and all demolition or grading**  
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1 permit applications include a complete tree disclosure statement (see example from City of  
2 Palo Alto); and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to  
4 actively ensure and promote the survival of trees during construction events by providing  
5 protection standards and best management practices (see example from City of Palo Alto);  
6 and, be it

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

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

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### Resolution

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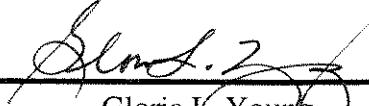
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on September 27, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: October 7, 2005

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.

  
Clerk of the Board

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