[Continuing the Ongoing work of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force]

Resolution continuing the ongoing work of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force to advise the City and County of San Francisco on the future of the utility undergrounding process in San Francisco and to complete its work by October 31, 2006.

WHEREAS, The Utility Undergrounding Task Force was originally established by Resolution 041354 on December 1, 2004 and cosponsored by Supervisors Maxwell, Ma, Alioto-Pier, Gonzalez and Peskin; and

WHEREAS, The Utility Undergrounding Task Force has been meeting and working diligently towards their Utility Undergrounding recommendations and solutions since April of 2005; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has an extensive program to remove overheard utility poles and replace them with underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, In July 1997, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement between the City and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. ("PG&E") that, among other things, required the City to establish by legislation 42 miles of underground utility districts; and,

WHEREAS, By December 1999, the City had legislated 42 miles of underground utility districts; and

WHEREAS, Except for major capital improvement projects such as Third Street and Octavia Boulevard, the City has not legislated any additional underground utility districts since December 1999; and

WHEREAS, While the July 1997 agreement required PG&E to complete undergrounding the 42 miles of legislated underground utility districts by January 1, 2002, PG&E now expects to complete the project by December 2006 at the earliest; and

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WHEREAS, Since December 1999, many San Franciscans have expressed interest in having their neighborhoods designated as underground utility districts; and

WHEREAS, Due to the costs of completing the undergrounding in the 42 miles of legislated underground districts, resources for the next phase of utility undergrounding may be limited; and

WHEREAS, As PG&E nears completion of the undergrounding in the 42 miles of legislated underground utility districts, the City may be in a position to legislate additional underground districts; and

WHEREAS, Members of the general public and residents of San Francisco have a strong interest in utility undergrounding projects and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Current members of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force have been working towards finding solutions for the undergrounding program and want to continue their work so that they are able to provide the City and County of San Francisco with substantive suggestions on how to better this program now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco continues the Utility Undergrounding Task Force consisting of fifteen (15) voting members who will represent the following officials and groups: each Supervisor shall designate one (1) member from his or her district; and the Mayor shall designate four (4) members. The Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall also contain eight (8) ex-officio/non-voting members to provide institutional and educational support who will represent the following groups: the Director of Public Works shall designate one (1) member; the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission shall designate one (1) member; the City’s Controller’s office shall designate one (1) member; the City Attorney’s office shall designate one (1) member; PG&E may designate one (1) member; SBC Communications, Inc. may designate one (1) member; Comcast may designate one (1) member; RCN may designate one (1) member; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall provide the City with input on: (1) improving procedures for legislating underground utility districts in the future; (2) determining the best method for allocating the resources that are available for utility undergrounding; (3) seeking ways to increase the resources available for utility undergrounding; (4) studying ways to reduce the cost of utility undergrounding; and (5) any other matters that the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall deem appropriate; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the City Administrator's Office to provide continued support for the Utility Undergrounding Task Force; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members to the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall automatically expire on October 31, 2006.
Resolution continuing the ongoing work of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force to advise the City and County of San Francisco on the future of the utility undergrounding process in San Francisco and to complete its work by October 31, 2006.

June 20, 2006  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Maxwell
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 20, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

File No. 060863

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom