

[Resolution commending Susan Leal on her 15 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco]

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WHEREAS, Susan Leal first joined San Francisco City Government in June 1993, when she was appointed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS; The following year, Susan Leal won a four-year term to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal was elected as the City's Treasurer in 1997 and served in that capacity until 2004; and

WHEREAS, As Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco, Susan Leal instituted a number of programs and operational improvements that significantly increased tax collection rates, including a 91% increase in delinquent tax collection, representing more than \$26 million in additional revenue for the City and also initiated San Francisco's first-ever socially responsible investment policy that consistently achieved a rate of return highest among its peers; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal also made many innovative improvements to customer service as Treasurer, including introducing the City Payment Center – a one-stop shop for City transactions such as transit passes, water bills, and passports – spearheading the City's e-commerce initiative which was named one of the top e-government projects nationwide and launching the nation's first audio ATM for the visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Susan Leal was recommended by Mayor Gavin Newsom to lead the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in 2004 and the members of the Public Utilities Commission appointed her as General Manager in August 2004; and

WHEREAS, As General Manager, her priorities included rebuilding and protecting the Hetch Hetchy water system for the future, improving and upgrading San Francisco's aging

1 wastewater system and delivering clean power and cleaner power choices to San  
2 Franciscans; and

3 WHEREAS, As General Manager, Susan Leal has re-organized the SFPUC along  
4 business enterprise lines – water, wastewater and power – and refocused the agency on  
5 financial accountability and customer service; and

6 WHEREAS, Susan Leal led the SFPUC to be one of the greenest and most  
7 sustainable utilities in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Bay Area water system is more secure, more seismically reliable and  
9 more environmentally responsible thanks to Susan Leal's leadership; and

10 WHEREAS, The SFPUC is funding new recycled water and groundwater programs for  
11 the first time and as a City the SFPUC finally leads when it comes to water conservation; and

12 WHEREAS, Susan Leal is a strong proponent of tap water and has worked to reduce  
13 our reliance on bottled water; and

14 WHEREAS, In wastewater, she had made neighborhoods safer from the risk of  
15 flooding during major storms and initiated plans to replace our crumbling sewers and aging  
16 digesters at the Southeast Treatment Plant; and

17 WHEREAS, Susan Leal has made San Francisco one of the first cities in the nation to  
18 turn waste grease and oil into clean biofuel; and,

19 WHEREAS, Susan Leal worked to triple our production of solar energy on City  
20 facilities, working to bring green power to the Bayview Hunters Point community and shutter  
21 all of the dirty power plants once and for all while also initiating efforts to study geothermal  
22 power in the Bay Area; and

23 WHEREAS, Under Susan Leal's leadership, the SFPUC is now a recognized leader in  
24 the country among utilities leading the effort to combat and prepare for climate change; now,  
25 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Susan Leal for all of her  
dedication to the citizens of San Francisco during the past 15 years as a member of the  
Board of Supervisor's, as the City's Treasurer and Tax Collector and as the General Manager  
to the Public Utilities Commission; and be it

1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the  
2 month of April 2008, Susan Leal Month in the City and County of San Francisco.  
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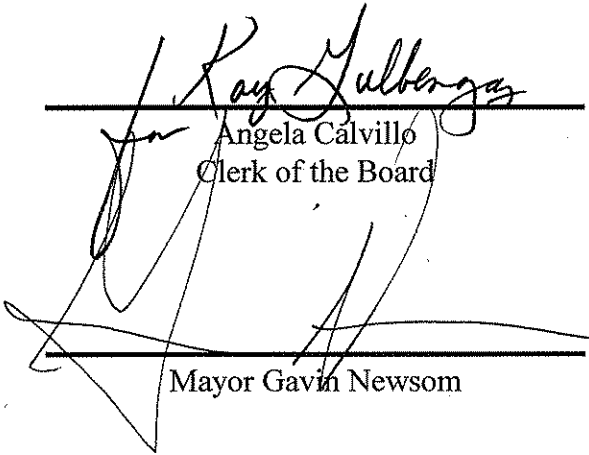
March 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

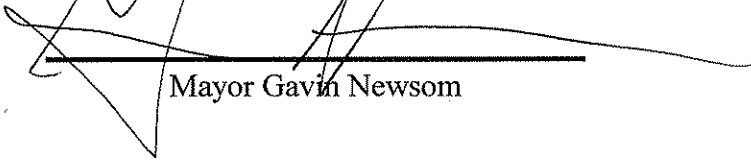
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 25, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

3-31-08  
Date Approved

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom