Resolution commending the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager, and former City Controller, Ed Harrington, for 28 years of distinguished service to the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has served the people of San Francisco for the past 28 years with honor and distinction; and
WHEREAS, Ed Harrington worked at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) from 1984 to 1991 in the Finance Department and in that time advanced to being an Assistant General Manager at the SFPUC; and
WHEREAS, In 1991 Mayor Art Agnos appointed, and in 2000 Mayor Willie Brown reappointed Ed Harrington to serve as Controller of San Francisco; and
WHEREAS, After serving the City with honor and distinction as Controller for 17 years, Ed Harrington was nominated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom to serve as General Manager of the SFPUC in March, 2008; and
WHEREAS, As Controller of San Francisco, Ed Harrington was integral in transforming the Controller’s office into a model City department, leading the City toward more transparent, accountable, and fiscally responsible practices and policies; and
WHEREAS, Under Ed Harrington’s leadership the City strengthened its open records practices by making San Francisco’s financial books open to the public, educational institutions, the media, and other interested parties, and consistently emphasized the right of citizens to know the financial affairs of the City; and

Supervisors Chiu, Elsbernd, Chu, Mar, Campos, Olague, Cohen, Kim, Avalos, Farrell, Wiener
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WHEREAS, During his tenure as SFPUC General Manager, Ed Harrington used his exceptional financial management, extensive knowledge of City operations, outstanding leadership, and commitment to community improvement to guide the SFPUC through a period of unprecedented success across the Water, Wastewater and Power Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has overseen the implementation of the $4.6 billion Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) which seismically upgrades, repairs, and replaces key components of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, greatly improving water service reliability; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington directed the SFPUC’s initiative to pursue an innovative program of energy efficiency and conservation, including the installation of substantial new renewable energy sources in San Francisco, such as the solar photovoltaic project on the roof of Sunset Reservoir, and many other municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has advanced the long anticipated, and much needed Sewer System Improvement Program, leading to the Commission’s recent endorsement of goals and objectives, and a plan of action to move forward with a multi-billion dollar upgrade to critical sanitary sewer facilities, and significantly advance the level of ongoing capital repair and replacement of aging wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Through Mr. Harrington’s deep commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged San Francisco residents, he led the SFPUC to become the first utility in the nation to establish a Community Benefits Policy and Environmental Justice Policy, which has guided the agency to ensure that water, wastewater, and power operations meaningfully benefit low-income people and communities of color in San Francisco and regionally; and

WHEREAS, The City’s Local Hire Ordinance has been a great success in part due to the support and resources marshaled by Mr. Harrington to ensure that City-funded projects
hire local workers and utilize local contractors, resulting in unprecedented numbers of local
business enterprises certified for SFPUC projects; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington led the SFPUC in the transition to a more sustainable
headquarters at 525 Golden Gate Avenue, which is considered to be one of the greenest
buildings in North America, representing a significant, long-term investment in San
Francisco’s environmental and economic future that will result in ratepayer savings; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has generously shared his knowledge and practical advice
on City matters as a mentor, colleague, and advisor to many department heads, elected
officials, commissioners, agency staff, and community and labor leaders across the City,
emphasizing collaboration to produce fair and efficient government practices; and

WHEREAS, While serving as City Controller, Mr. Harrington demonstrated his
exemplary commitment to the future of San Francisco by advancing San Francisco’s
participation in the City Hall Fellows program, which engages recent college graduates in
public service through full-time placements within local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington’s deep impact and influence on San Francisco in the past,
present, and future inspires others to continue his legacy of leadership, optimism, and
proactive improvements to produce an efficient government that solves problems and builds
partnerships; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Ed
Harrington on an outstanding career of service to the people of San Francisco and expresses
its deepest gratitude for his dedicated, knowledgeable and forward-thinking leadership serving
the City and County of San Francisco.
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September 18, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

File No. 120920

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/18/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved

9/24/12