[Urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to Continue Implementing the United States' Clean Power Plan]

Resolution opposing the repeal of the Clean Power Plan and urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to continue implementing the Plan's critical policies that require states to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and generate cleaner energy.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors seeks to counter the growing threat that greenhouse gas emissions pose to global climate and health through activities and policies that reduce emissions and improve, enhance, and preserve San Francisco's long-term environmental sustainability as set forth in Section 4.118 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, has set ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets of 40% below 1990 levels by 2025 and 80% by 2050 (Board of Supervisors Ordinance No. 81-08); and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a goal of reaching 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and has demonstrated that aggressive investment in and development of renewable electricity can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously fueling our local economy; and

WHEREAS, While climate change continues to be a national and global challenge and the Clean Power Plan is needed to spur other states to take action towards a shared goal of cleaner, healthier air; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the leadership of President Obama, finalized the Clean Power Plan Rule on August 3, 2015, establishing state-by-state targets to lower carbon emissions produced by power generators to 32% below 2005 levels by 2030; and
WHEREAS, On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order directing
the EPA to begin dismantling the Clean Power Plan; and
WHEREAS, The repeal of the Clean Power Plan will limit the United States’ ability to
meet the emission reduction targets set forth in the Paris Climate Agreement and will only
exacerbate the effects of climate change that are already visible throughout the world in the
form of super storms, droughts, floods, fires and more; and
WHEREAS, While climate change will impact the entire world, the resulting health
impacts are expected to disproportionately affect communities least able to prepare for, cope
with, and recover from them (San Francisco Department of Public Health’s 2017 San
Francisco’s Climate and Health Adaptation Framework); and
WHEREAS, On February 28, 2018, the EPA will hold a hearing in San Francisco to
collect public comment on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes the proposed
repeal of the Clean Power Plan and calls on the EPA to continue upholding and implementing
the Plan’s policies and programs that reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and support
cleaner energy generation; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reiterates the
need to not only uphold the Clean Power Plan but to accelerate the local, national and global
transition to a clean energy economy because dramatically reducing the use of fossil fuels is
critical to averting a global climate and health crisis; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the United
States Environmental Protection Agency.

Supervisor Breed
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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February 27, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani and Yee
Excused: 1 - Tang

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/27/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

Date Approved: 3/9/18