

1 [Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement]

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3 **Resolution affirming the City and County of San Francisco's commitment to the Paris**
4 **Climate Agreement and to taking bold climate action in the wake of the Trump**
5 **administration's attempts to dismantle policies and defund programs that reduce**
6 **harmful greenhouse gas emissions.**

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8 WHEREAS, 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate
9 change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, The Trump administration's announcement to withdraw from the Paris
11 Climate Agreement undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change and damages
12 the world's ability to avoid the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change; and

13 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has abdicated its moral and civic responsibility
14 to protect our planet and the global community; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has never shied away from
16 ambitious action on climate change even in the absence of federal leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco has proven that strong action on climate change is good for
18 the planet and for the economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 1990, San Francisco has become a national example by reducing
20 citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 28%, while the city's population grew by 19% and the
21 local economy by 78%; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco, in joining the State of California in the fight against climate
23 change, has set ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 40 percent below
24 1990 levels by the year 2025, and 80 percent by the year 2050 (Board of Supervisors
25 Ordinance No. 81-08); and,

1 WHEREAS, To reach these targets, San Francisco has adopted a "0-50-100-ROOTS"
2 climate action strategy of sending zero waste to landfill, shifting 50% of all trips to public
3 transit, ridesharing, biking or walking, achieving 100% renewable energy, and sequestering
4 carbon through urban forestry and compost application; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco has adopted innovative, forward-thinking policies to
6 advance "0-50-100-ROOTS" including CleanPowerSF, San Francisco's Community Choice
7 Aggregation program delivering cleaner energy to residents and businesses, the toughest ban
8 on the sale and distribution of polystyrene foam products in the country, and an industry-
9 funded Safe Medicine Disposal program to provide residents with convenient drop-off
10 locations for unused medicines; and

11 WHEREAS, While climate change will impact all San Franciscans, the health impacts
12 of climate change are expected to disproportionately affect communities least able to prepare
13 for, cope with, and recover from them (San Francisco Department of Public Health's 2017 San
14 Francisco's Climate and Health Adaptation Framework); and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco is part of a global coalition of cities, states, national
16 governments, and business leaders who are speaking out about the importance of protecting
17 our planet to ensure the well-being of current and future generations; and

18 WHEREAS, In the wake of President Trump's decision on the Paris Climate
19 Agreement, San Francisco joined more than 211 U.S. mayors representing more than 54
20 million Americans in reaffirming their cities' commitments to climate action as part of the
21 Mayors' National Climate Action Agenda; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will remain at the forefront in
23 the fight to protect our planet and the health and safety of all San Franciscans and will
24 continue to vehemently support the principles of the Paris Agreement and the participation of
25 the United States of America as a party to the Paris Agreement; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will not back down
2 from its commitment to hold the increase in the global average temperature to below 2°
3 Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°
4 Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as set forth in the Paris Agreement; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its
6 commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% from 1990 levels by the year
7 2050 regardless of federal inaction, political posturing, or attempts to preempt local
8 jurisdictions from pursuing legislative and legal actions to protect the environment; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will continue to
10 stand with local and global partners, cities, regional and state partners, business leaders, the
11 faith community, the public health community, scientists, activists, citizens and global
12 community partners to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy, pursue bold and
13 ambitious climate actions, and support inclusive, healthy and prosperous communities.

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City and County of San Francisco

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June 13, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/13/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

Mayor

6/23/17

Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

6/23/17
Date