

1 [Supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s opposition to the construction**
4 **of the Dakota Access Pipeline.**

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6 WHEREAS, The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) would carry as many as
7 570,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day from of North Dakota’s Bakken oilfield to Illinois;
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9 WHEREAS, The proposed DAPL is a 1,134-mile pipeline that would run under the
10 Missouri River, posing a serious threat to drinking water; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has promoted environmental justice policies that
12 proactively protect the safety and quality of water sources from pollution; and

13 WHEREAS, The Missouri River is relied upon as a source of drinking water for a
14 majority of the South Dakota population, including seven of the nine reservations in the state;
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16 WHEREAS, The DAPL would cut across and intrude upon the native nations whose
17 cultural and sacred sites are in the path of the proposed structure; and

18 WHEREAS, Indian Treaties such as the Treaty of Ft. Laramie are recognized as "the
19 supreme law of the land," and require consultation and cooperation by the U.S. with its Indian
20 Treaty partner before any federal action is taken that affects Treaty lands, territories, waters or
21 other resources; and

22 WHEREAS, Articles, 11, 12, and 25 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
23 Indigenous People (UNDRIP), as endorsed by the United States in 2010, affirms that
24 indigenous peoples like the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe possess the right to maintain and
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1 protect their culture, religion, practices, and relationship with their “traditionally owned or
2 otherwise occupied and used lands, territories [and] waters;” and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice has also requested that Energy
4 Transfer Partners voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of
5 Lake Oahe and urged “a serious discussion during a series of consultations... on whether
6 there should be nationwide reform of the Tribal consultation process” for infrastructure
7 projects that threaten sovereign land; and

8 WHEREAS, Current threats to sovereign tribal lands evoke a host of injustices faced by
9 Native American tribes over the course of the 20th Century, including the lack of funding for
10 tribal education, which forced parents to send their children to government-run boarding
11 schools; the termination of federal recognition for scores of tribes, which caused the loss
12 of services promised by treaty; and a disregard for the sovereignty of tribes, including the
13 building of infrastructure on Native American land without good faith consultation or consent;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long held space for indigenous people seeking to
16 assert their rights against noncompliant intrusion by the Federal government, including the
17 nearly year-long occupation of Alcatraz Island by Native Americans, beginning in November
18 1969, which demanded the return of all retired, abandoned, or out-of-use federal land to
19 Native people and which established a new precedent for Native American activism; and

20 WHEREAS, Indigenous warriors and water protectors are engaging today in peaceful
21 actions, teach-ins, leading toxic tour discussions and prayers to protest the construction of the
22 DAPL; and

23 WHEREAS, The frontline direct action, peaceful ceremonies and organizing efforts of
24 Indigenous People and environmental justice advocates have been met with intimidation,
25 excessive show of force, and arrests; and

1 WHEREAS, Violence against women and girls created by the “man camps” associated
2 with the construction of the extraction industry pose additional threats to the health and
3 wellbeing of Native communities; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco stands in solidarity with the
5 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposition to construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)
6 across the Tribe's ancestral lands, waters, resources sites of cultural, historical and religious
7 significance; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be forwarded to the congressional
9 delegation of the City and County of San Francisco so that they may advance good faith
10 consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux and other Native American Tribes prior to any
11 further undertaking related to the DAPL.