

1 [Supporting the Establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program]

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3 **Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Office of the City Administrator's**
4 **recommendations regarding the establishment of an Urban Agriculture Program;**
5 **supporting the Recreation and Park Department as the location for the new Urban**
6 **Agriculture Program to coordinate the City's urban agriculture activities; and setting**
7 **reporting goals related to Urban Agriculture.**

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9 WHEREAS, Urban Agriculture provides multiple benefits to San Franciscans including
10 connecting City residents to the broader food system, providing green space and recreation,
11 saving public agencies money, providing ecological benefits and green infrastructure, building
12 community, and offering food access, public health, and economic development potential; and

13 WHEREAS, At least seven City agencies currently provide funding for urban agriculture
14 activities, and there has been no formal coordination among all of these agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12, passed by the Board of Supervisors on July 17, 2012,
16 amended the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Chapter 53, Sections 53.1
17 through 53.4 to establish an Urban Agriculture Program to oversee and coordinate all of the
18 City's Urban Agriculture activities and adopt goals for the City related to Urban Agriculture;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12 directed the Office of the City Administrator to take the
21 lead in developing an Urban Agriculture strategic planning process during the second half of
22 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, During its consideration of FY 2012-13 budget, the Board of Supervisors
24 voted to provide the Office of the City Administrator with \$120,000 for the purpose of
25 implementing Ordinance 162-12, and that money has not yet been spent in FY 2012-13; and

1 WHEREAS, The Office of the City Administrator convened meetings of a working group
2 comprised of representatives from several City departments and well as interested public
3 stakeholders, hosted three community town halls, and conducted more than 25 individual
4 interviews, and the Mayor's Budget Office performed an in-depth survey of sources and uses
5 of funds for urban agriculture purposes in all City departments; and

6 WHEREAS, On April 19, 2013, the City Administrator submitted recommendations to
7 the Board of Supervisors regarding the implementation of the Urban Agriculture Program,
8 which included: (1) The Recreation and Park Department, San Francisco Public Utilities
9 Commission, Department of Public Health and Department of Environment should continue
10 their leadership roles on urban agriculture; (2) The Recreation and Park Department should
11 be the lead agency for the Urban Agriculture Program; and (3) San Francisco's public
12 spending on Urban Agriculture is significant, and should be used to leverage new private
13 investment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office of the City Administrator, Supervisor David Chiu and the
15 Recreation and Park Department co-hosted an open house for the public on May 15, 2013 to
16 present and discuss the Office of the City Administrator's recommendations; and

17 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department met with numerous community
18 groups to solicit feedback on the recommendations, including the San Francisco Urban
19 Agriculture Alliance, the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, and the
20 SPUR Food Policy Committee, and has plans to continue its stakeholder outreach; and

21 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the role of community groups in
22 promoting and utilizing Urban Agriculture and encourages future engagement between the
23 City and the community; and

24 WHEREAS, Ordinance 162-12 requires that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution
25 approving of the Office of the City Administrator's recommendations; and

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby fully supports
2 recommendations 1 and 2 in the City Administrator's Urban Agriculture memorandum of April
3 19, 2013 as outlined above, and it agrees with recommendation 3, that existing public funding
4 should be used to leverage new private funding for urban agriculture, but also hereby
5 emphasizes the importance of a continued role for public funding of urban agriculture within
6 the City; now, therefore, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby approves of the plan to
8 dedicate one full-time staff person to the coordination of the Urban Agriculture Program, which
9 accords with the original intent expressed in Ordinance 162-12, and the Board of Supervisors
10 requests that the unspent \$120,000 in the FY 2012-13 budget be transferred from the Office
11 of the City Administrator to the Recreation and Park Department to fund this position for the
12 first year; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Recreation
14 and Park Department submit to the Board of Supervisors and make available to the public,
15 within six weeks of hiring the new full-time staff person (a) a first year work plan for the new
16 Urban Agriculture Program coordinator with measurable goals, timelines, and evaluation
17 metrics, and (b) an organizational chart or description detailing the reporting structure for the
18 new position, including how the Urban Agriculture Program will interact within the Recreation
19 and Park Department, alongside the Community Gardens Program, and with other agencies;
20 and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Recreation
22 and Park Department, in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 162-12, shall submit
23 the first urban agriculture annual report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors no later
24 than January 1, 2014; the report should include (a) a summary of key urban agriculture
25 achievements, challenges, and indicators from the previous year, including an official

accounting of all City funding for Urban Agriculture and an inventory of local resources and programs relevant to Urban Agriculture in San Francisco, and (b) data on the progress the City made in the prior year towards meeting each of the Urban Agriculture Program goals.