

1 [Resolution supporting transparency and accountability in setting refuse collection rates]

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3 **Resolution urging the Director of the Department of the Environment and the Director**  
4 **of the Department of Public Works to develop a detailed cost projection for proposed**  
5 **expenditures from the Solid Waste Impound Account over the proposed 2006-2011**  
6 **residential refuse rate period and to make these materials available for review by the**  
7 **public.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is currently in the process of  
10 reviewing a proposed residential refuse collection rate increase for the five year period 2006-  
11 2011 pursuant to the voter-adopted 1932 Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance, which  
12 process includes a series of public hearings; and

13 WHEREAS, The residential refuse rates contribute in part to an account that funds  
14 comprehensive solid waste-related activities conducted by the City, known as the Solid Waste  
15 Impound Account; and

16 WHEREAS, The amounts required to fund the Solid Waste Impound Account and the  
17 uses of such amounts, including excess amounts, is a matter properly considered as part of  
18 the residential refuse rate proceedings because it impacts the residential refuse rates; and

19 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors approves expenditures from this account as to  
20 City activities in that it annually approves the City's budget; and

21 WHEREAS, Residential refuse ratepayers have the right to know that the City utilizes  
22 ratepayer funds from the Impound Account effectively; and

23 WHEREAS, The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods adopted a resolution  
24 supporting oversight of the accounting and uses of the Solid Waste Impound Account at its  
25 General Assembly Meeting, January 17, 2006; and,

1           WHEREAS, One of the public meetings held as part of the 2006-2011 residential  
2 refuse rate proceedings has specifically addressed Impound Account expenditures; and

3           WHEREAS, A Residential Ratepayer Advocate is participating in the residential refuse  
4 rate application proceedings to coordinate ratepayer comments and represent ratepayer  
5 concerns at public workshops and hearings during the residential refuse rates proceedings;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Department of  
8 the Environment and the San Francisco Department of Public Works to develop detailed cost  
9 projections outlining the Department's proposed expenditures from the Solid Waste Impound  
10 Account over the proposed five-year rate period; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of the Environment and the Department  
12 of Public Works are urged to make this information available to the public as quickly as  
13 possible by posting it on the Department's website; and, be it

14          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controllers Office is urged to include the Solid Waste  
15 Impound Account in its performance audit of the Department of the Environment, and to  
16 reports its findings to the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

17          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controllers Office is urged to include a review of the  
18 Impound Account expenditures as part of all their future performance audits of the  
19 Department of the Environment and Department of Public Works.

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