

1 [Endorsing solar powered parking meters.]

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3 **Resolution endorsing the use of solar powered parking meters.**

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5 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is recognized as a leader in
6 innovative approaches to addressing a variety of public policy issues; and

7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco prides itself in the development of
8 renewable energy and has committed itself to green initiatives across a broad spectrum,
9 including loans for solar energy infrastructure projects; and,

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has committed itself to finding ways
11 to attract new, green businesses to the City and utilize the latest technologies; and,

12 WHEREAS, The focus on sustainability should be a focus of all city departments as
13 they look to enhance or improve city services; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Municipal Transportation Agency is embarking on a pilot project to
15 determine which parking meters best serve the City and County's needs; and,

16 WHEREAS, Several parking meters systems currently employ solar technology for
17 power; and,

18 WHEREAS, New solar technologies now enable production of fully-integrated,
19 compact, solar-powered parking meters that require no more ambient light than is available on
20 San Francisco's city streets; and,

21 WHEREAS, Solar-powered meters run on a five-watt solar cell with batteries that last
22 more than five years while conventional systems require battery changes as frequently as
23 monthly; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Having a small solar panel on each parking meter station would indicate
2 clearly and strongly that San Francisco stands for clean, renewable energy; now, therefore,
3 be it,

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 endorse the use of solar powered parking meters; and, be it,

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That any parking meter is to be deemed suitable for the city's
7 needs be powered by solar technology to the extent that such meters are available.

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