

1 [Supporting and Encouraging the Development of a Policy to Prohibit the Transportation and
2 Export of Hazardous Materials]

3 **Resolution supporting and encouraging the Department of the Environment and the**
4 **Port in developing a policy to prohibit the transportation and export of hazardous fossil**
5 **fuel materials including crude oil, coal, and petroleum coke in the City and County of**
6 **San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, The industrial use of hazardous fossil fuel materials such as crude oil, coal
9 and petroleum coke is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions and contributor to
10 climate change, pollution and environmental injustice; and

11 WHEREAS, These materials are commonly transported by open-top rail cars that allow
12 some of these materials to escape causing health and environmental impacts to communities,
13 wildlife and the environment; and

14 WHEREAS, Shipments of these materials has increased throughout the country and in
15 Northern California (57% during 2013); and

16 WHEREAS, Accidents have resulted in more than one million gallons of spilled crude
17 oil from the rail cars in the last four decades; and

18 WHEREAS, Both the Port of San Francisco and the Department of the Environment
19 have demonstrated leadership and a willingness to work together in developing a policy to
20 prohibit the transportation and export of these hazardous fossil fuel materials in the City and
21 County of San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, The Port of San Francisco has consistently rejected proposals from
23 companies who are seeking to transport or export coal on or through Port property or
24 terminals; and

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1 WHEREAS, On May 22, 2014, the Policy Committee of the Commission on the
2 Environment adopted a resolution initiating the department’s work with the Port to develop a
3 policy to prohibit the transportation and export of these hazardous fossil fuel materials in the
4 City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports these efforts and encourages the
6 Department of the Environment and the Port of San Francisco to collaborate on developing a
7 policy that would prohibit the export and transportation of hazardous fossil fuel materials such
8 as crude oil, coal and petroleum coke in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Department
10 of the Environment and the Port of San Francisco report to the Board of Supervisors on their
11 recommendations for the adoption of such a policy.