

1 [Retaining of San Francisco Community Recyclers]

2 **Resolution urging Safeway, Incorporated to suspend eviction processes against the**  
3 **three (3) community recycling centers located at 2020 Market Street, 1335 Webster**  
4 **Street and 735 Seventh Avenue for the purpose of resuming a collaborative community**  
5 **process that has been initiated involving Safeway, the San Francisco Community**  
6 **Recycling Centers, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, City agencies and local**  
7 **neighborhood organizations to deal comprehensively with concerns and opportunities**  
8 **regarding the operational improvement of the recycling centers, the use of Safeway**  
9 **property and the general quality of life issues raised in the process.**

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11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Community Recyclers (SFCR), with three sites located  
12 in the Safeway parking lots at 2020 Market Street, 1335 Webster and 735 Seventh Avenue  
13 are faced with eviction; and

14 WHEREAS, SFCR has been in continuous operation for more than 20 years, offering a  
15 convenient and ecological alternative to trash; and

16 WHEREAS, SFCR was formed to assist other neighborhood-based recyclers to  
17 coordinate city-wide recycling and resource conservation programs, advocate for the  
18 establishment of San Francisco's Curbside Recycling and other programs, and demonstrate  
19 the need to include non-profit organizations as part of the Source Reduction and Recycling  
20 Element of the San Francisco City and County's Waste Master Plan, which was approved by  
21 the Board in 1991 and 1992; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the last ten years SFCR has put over \$3,000,000 in redemption  
23 value in the hands of more than 300,000 recyclers, many of whom are low-income and/or  
24 homeless, diverting over 25,000 tons of materials; and

1           WHEREAS, SFCR employs ten (10) people full-time at the centers, many of whom are  
2 entry-level employees with little hope for continued employment in other field; and

3           WHEREAS, Community Recycling centers are excellent sources of environmental  
4 information and hands-on education, and further San Francisco’s commitment to “acting  
5 locally and thinking globally”; and

6           WHEREAS, SFCR has saved over \$1,00,000 in avoided disposal costs, conserved  
7 land-fill space and diverted 12,000 tons of non-refundable materials which would not be  
8 collected by for-profit corporations; and

9           WHEREAS, In recognition of the value of the Community Recycling Center on the  
10 Safeway property on Market Street, members of the Duboce Triangle and Hayes Valley  
11 Neighborhood Associations proposed convening meetings with Safeway, SFCR, city staff  
12 from the Board of Supervisors and City agencies to identify concerns about the operation of  
13 the SFCR, the use of Safeway property and about nearby activities that, while not directly  
14 related to either Safeway or the SFCR, could better be addressed with the participation of  
15 these key stakeholders; and

16           WHEREAS, Both neighborhood organizations sought direction and leadership in  
17 enhancing the quality-of-life conditions in the Market Street Safeway area from the Better  
18 Neighborhoods 2002 Plan for Market and Octavia to ensure that the meetings convened in  
19 this process respect and support related, already-established community planning efforts; and

20           WHEREAS, Initial meetings and conversations with Safeway, City agencies and  
21 Supervisors’ staff, SFCR and the members of both Hayes Valley and Duboce Triangle  
22 Neighborhood Associations met with universal support and praise about the value of this  
23 collaborative process; and

24           WHEREAS, An initial survey of a schedule and range of issues for this collaborative  
25 process was developed by neighborhood representatives who acknowledged that resolution  
on key issues, such as the continued location of SFCR on Safeway’s property, must be  
reached as quickly as possible to respect the needs of both Safeway and SFCR, and

1 presented a plan for accomplishing this speedy resolution while incorporating the findings of  
2 this process; and

3 WHEREAS, This good-faith, inclusive and expedited effort deserves to be continued in  
4 respect for all the partners who have already contributed much time and energy so that it may  
5 serve as a positive model for resolving similar community concerns that may arise at other  
6 sites involving both Safeway and SFCR; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 urges the retention of the SFCR neighborhood recycling centers located at 2020 Market  
9 Street, 1335 Webster and 735 Seventh Avenue on Safeway Stores' parking lots as long as  
10 the community planning process is underway, and calls upon the Department of the  
11 Environment to assist in this process to preserve neighborhood recycling centers, and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Safeway  
13 Stores Incorporated to support the community planning process in the spirit of cooperation,  
14 with the expectation that this collaboration with the community, the SFCR and the other key  
15 stakeholders will result in recommendations to resolve concerns and optimize opportunities  
16 that could only be devised through working collaboratively.  
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