

1 [Interdepartmental Working Group on Underground Infrastructure.]

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3 **Resolution establishing an interdepartmental working group to review options and**  
4 **coordinate planning and implementation for the installation of new conduits, fiber optic**  
5 **cable, or electric cable throughout the City and to report its findings to the Board of**  
6 **Supervisors.**

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8 WHEREAS, For nearly one hundred years, the City and County of San Francisco has  
9 owned the infrastructure used to provide certain services to City departments, residents and  
10 businesses; and

11 WHEREAS, Ownership of underground infrastructure by the City can assist the City  
12 with obtaining efficient and economic services for its own use and for the use of San  
13 Francisco residents and businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, The development of the underground infrastructure necessary to provide  
15 communications services, electricity, or other services requires long term planning and  
16 coordination by the City agencies with expertise in those areas; now, therefore, be it,

17 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors hereby establishes an interdepartmental  
18 working group to consider the following matters:

19 (1) Identifying and evaluating City options for installing new conduits, fiber optic  
20 cable, or electrical cable throughout the City and, in particular, by adding these facilities to  
21 every excavation project being done by City agencies or private utilities;

22 (2) Identifying and evaluating methods of financing the costs of installing new  
23 conduits, fiber optic cable, or electrical cable throughout the City;

24 (3) Identifying and developing any proposed legislation that would be necessary or  
25 useful to accomplish these tasks; and

1           (4)     The work done by the Undergrounding Task Force and recommendations in the  
2 task force report issued on January 26, 2007; and, be it

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission  
4 shall convene the first meeting of the working group within 10 days after the effective date of  
5 this resolution, at which meeting the working group shall select a chairperson, establish  
6 meeting times, and develop a schedule and plan for carrying-out its work; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, The working group should initially include representatives  
8 chosen by the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, the Director of Public  
9 Works, the Executive Director of the Department of Telecommunications and Information  
10 Services, the Controller, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the working group shall identify and include  
12 representatives of other City agencies, the general public, community organizations, local  
13 businesses, and non-profit groups that the working group determines could provide  
14 assistance with its work; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the working group shall submit a progress report to the  
16 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors within  
17 three months of the effective date of this resolution; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the working group shall submit a final report to the City  
19 Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors within six  
20 months of the effective date of this resolution.