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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has more than 470 miles of streets
9 with overhead utility wires; and

10 WHEREAS, Utility Undergrounding in San Francisco costs nearly \$4 million per mile;
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12 WHEREAS, Undergrounding San Francisco's Utility wires provides safety to
13 pedestrians as overhead wires are extremely vulnerable during severe wind and rain storms
14 in San Francisco as well during earthquakes of any size or magnitude; and

15 WHEREAS, President Elect Barack Obama has pledged to help stimulate the Nation's
16 economy through a economic stimulus package worth more than \$775 billion and that will
17 include massive infrastructure projects across the nation that will focus on job creation; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Utility Undergrounding program provides the Obama
19 administration with an infrastructure project that could provide thousands of jobs and job
20 training to Bay Area residents who have been left without a job due to the economy; and

21 WHEREAS, San Franciscan's are currently seeing their streets ripped up by PG&E so
22 that gas lines can be replaced and refurbished; and

23 WHEREAS, With the ongoing gas line replacement program, all efforts should be made
24 to coordinate additional undergrounding of our utility wires; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 3000 residents of San Francisco were surveyed about
2 Undergrounding in 2006 and 86% of respondents showed tremendous interest in expanding
3 the utility undergrounding program in San Francisco; and

4 WHEREAS, In the survey, safety was the number one reason cited by respondents for
5 undergrounding; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Mayor Gavin
7 Newsom and the San Francisco Public Utility Commission to work with the President Elect's
8 Office and seek money from the economic stimulus package so that San Francisco's is able
9 to continue its efforts to underground the City's overhead utilities, providing sustainable jobs to
10 the area and making the City and County of San Francisco a safer place.

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