

1 [California Coastal Commission]

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3 **Resolution supporting the continued operation of the California Coastal Commission**
4 **and urging State government to modify appointment procedures of the Commission so**
5 **that it may continue its good work implementing the State of California's coastal**
6 **protection program in perpetuity.**
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9 WHEREAS, the Coastal Zone within the City and County of San Francisco is a
10 resource of local, national, and international significance; and,

11 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has endeavored for decades to
12 protect, enhance and restore these coastal zone resources through, among other means,
13 implementation of its state-approved Local Coastal Program for the benefit of residents and
14 visitors; and,

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16 WHEREAS, California's coastal protection program first enacted by voters in 1972 as
17 Proposition 20 and made permanent by the Coastal Act of 1976 serves as a world model in
18 effective coastal zone management, and

19 WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission is the principal State agency
20 designated to carry out the State's coastal management program for the benefit of current
21 and future generations and has for 30 years, with overwhelming public support, done so with
22 great success and effect; and,

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24 WHEREAS, a recent Appeals Court ruling held that the ability of the Legislature to
25 retain control over the eight commissioners it appoints to the Commission by having the

1 power to remove them at will contravenes the State Constitution's separation of powers
2 provision; and,

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor are considering a timely and narrow
4 resolution to this issue by setting fixed terms for commissioners and deleting the power to
5 replace them at will; and,

6 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco hereby acknowledges the
7 need for and supports the continuation of a strong, independent and effective California
8 Coastal Commission to carry out California's coastal protection program in perpetuity; and be
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11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco urges the Governor
12 to convene a special session of the Legislature to address the narrow problem identified by
13 the court by giving coastal commissioners fixed terms of two years, with the ability of a new
14 appointing authority to appoint their own commissioner for the remainder of the term or to a
15 new term, and to retain the current balanced membership of the Commission and to not
16 increase the number of voting members.
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