

1 [Urging Divestment From Occidental Petroleum]

2 URGING SAN FRANCISCO'S RETIREMENT BOARD TO DIVEST FROM OCCIDENTAL
3 PETROLEUM.

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5 WHEREAS, Occidental Petroleum Corporation is the largest producer of PVC-plastic in
6 North America, and the third largest in the world; and,

7 WHEREAS, The manufacture and incineration of PVC-plastic has been identified as
8 one of the largest sources of dioxin pollution; and

9 WHEREAS, Dioxin exposure has been linked to endometriosis, immune system
10 impairment, diabetes, neurotoxicity, birth defects, decreased fertility, testicular atrophy, and
11 reproductive dysfunction in both men and women; and,

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted
13 Resolution No. 246-99 establishing dioxin pollution as a high priority for immediate action in
14 order to restore water, air, and total environmental quality; and,

15 WHEREAS, In addition to producing PVC-plastic, Occidental Petroleum Corporation
16 produces fossil fuels; and,

17 WHEREAS, The burning of fossil fuels and the emission of other greenhouse gases
18 contribute to global warming and climate change; and,

19 WHEREAS, Global warming is expected to increase the frequency and severity of
20 extreme weather events; and,

21 WHEREAS, Scientists have concluded that stabilizing the climate will require reducing
22 global carbon dioxide emissions by 50% to 70%; and,

23 WHEREAS, Scientists have projected a one-meter rise in global sea levels as a result
24 of global warming and the melting of the polar ice caps; and,

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1 WHEREAS, A one-meter rise would cause a huge expansion of San Francisco Bay,
2 flooding property worth \$48 billion and covering 100 square miles and turning the
3 Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta into a vast inland sea; and,

4 WHEREAS, Such a sea-level rise will partially or totally submerge airports in Oakland
5 and San Francisco, Treasure Island, the new Mission Bay development and Giants' Pac Bell
6 Park, stretches of Interstate 80 and Highway 101, railroad tracks and sewage treatment
7 plants, and existing harbors and marinas; and,

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., in his Earth Day 1999 Breakfast declared
9 reducing global warming to be a top environmental priority of his administration; and,

10 WHEREAS, Occidental Petroleum has been granted an oil drilling permit for an area
11 which lies entirely within the indigenous U'wa people's traditional territory in Colombia; and,

12 WHEREAS, The U'wa are adamantly opposed to this project and have vowed to
13 commit collective suicide if the project goes forward; and,

14 WHEREAS, Under Section 12.100 of the San Francisco Charter, the Retirement Board
15 "shall have plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for investment of monies and
16 administration of the Retirement System"; and,

17 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's Employees' Retirement System
18 Board's Social Investment Policy states that, "The relationship of the corporation to the
19 communities in which it operates shall be maintained as a good corporate citizen through
20 observing proper environmental standards, supporting the local economic, social and cultural
21 climate, conducting acquisitions and reorganizations to minimize adverse effects"; and,

22 WHEREAS, Occidental Petroleum Corporation is one of the City and County of San
23 Francisco Retirement System's investment holdings and The San Francisco Employees'
24 Retirement System's holding of Occidental Petroleum is 234,060 shares at a September 27,
25 1999 value of \$5,383,380 (\$23.00 per share); and,

1 WHEREAS, In a time when it is clear that toxic chemicals are replete in our society,
2 global warming and climate change are a serious threat, and investment in a company that
3 contributes substantially to global warming and toxic pollution is unacceptable; and,

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Commission on the Environment recently urged the
5 Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum and urged the Board of Supervisors
6 and the Mayor to weigh in on the matter as well; and,

7 WHEREAS, Divestment in Occidental Petroleum is a responsible way for the
8 Retirement Board to carry out its fiduciary duties and social investment policies and
9 demonstrate leadership in its socially responsible investing; now, therefore be it,

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
11 urges San Francisco's Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum; and be it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Retirement
13 Board.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution urging San Francisco's Retirement Board to divest from Occidental Petroleum.

May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: May 19, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]
Clerk of the Board

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