

1 [Supporting AB 2573]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 2573 regarding solar**
4 **power in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, In November 2001, residents of the City and County of San Francisco
7 voted overwhelmingly to approve Proposition B, a \$100 million bond initiative to fund the
8 development of solar power and energy efficiency projects on city-owned properties in the
9 City and County of San Francisco; and,

10 WHEREAS, The State of California has been troubled in recent years with rolling
11 blackouts, price gouging in the energy market, and decaying power generation facilities that
12 cause environmental health hazards; and,

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco is particularly vulnerable to blackouts with only two
14 transmission lines running into the city; and,

15 WHEREAS, Residents in the Bayview/Hunters Point district of San Francisco have
16 reported serious health impacts related to the aging Potrero Hill Power Plant; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is seeking to develop
18 large-scale solar facilities to serve the new load created by new City facilities; and,

19 WHEREAS, Solar power generation by the city will reduce reliance on the local grid,
20 easing demand during peak hours when the city is most vulnerable to potential blackouts;
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, Solar power is a clean source of renewable energy that provides an
23 alternative to aging power plants powered by fossil fuels that impact the health of neighboring
24 residents and contribute to global warming; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Current law allows Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to absorb
2 annual surplus solar power without compensating the generator at facilities where the energy
3 generated exceeds the annual needs of the onsite facility; and,

4 WHEREAS, Many properties that are ideally suited for development of solar projects in
5 San Francisco are located in areas with few on-site facilities requiring power; and,

6 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2573 (AB 2573) was introduced by Assemblyman Mark
7 Leno to authorize a power swap between municipal solar sites and city properties consuming
8 power, thus allowing new solar facilities to generate power in excess of the onsite facility
9 needs; and,

10 WHEREAS, AB 2573 would require PG&E to accept Hetch Hetchy solar power at one
11 location in San Francisco and deliver the equivalent power at another municipal location; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the California
13 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) both require that a system impact study be conducted to
14 determine if any new project authorized in AB 2753 would have any fiscal impact on PG&E,
15 and therefore PG&E would not be at risk of any fiscal impact; now, therefore be it,

16 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the
17 California State Legislature to pass and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign Assembly
18 Bill 2573; and, be it,

19 FURTHER RESOVLED, That this resolution shall be sent to the offices of
20 Assemblyman Mark Leno, Assemblyman Leland Yee, Senator Carole Migden, Senator Jackie
21 Speier, Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, Senator Martha Escutia, and Governor Arnold
22 Schwarzenegger.

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