[Accept and Expend Grant - Altamont Education Advisory Board - \$10,000]

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory
Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the
Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient
of \$10,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District and other city
schools in diverting 50% of their waste by the end of June 2012 by providing compostable
bags to schools and stipends to custodians and other support persons; and

WHEREAS, While the City achieved 77% city-wide waste diversion in 2008, San Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 53% of its waste in the 2010/11 school year; and

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and

WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper, 2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and

WHEREAS, For eighteen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts, implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create positive behavior changes towards the environment; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment operates one of the most progressive waste diversion programs in the country and is ideally positioned to apply its recycling and recovery knowledge to schools; and

WHEREAS, Many schools struggle to implement waste diversion programs without adequate classroom recycling bins, compostable bags, and the on-going participation of custodians; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment's School Education Program has partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and Recology Waste Management Company to address the challenges faced by schools; and

WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will help provide compostable bags and stipends to assist in implementing waste diversion programs; and

WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$910; and WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.

Recommended:

Department Head

Approved:

Approved:

Controller, Grant Division



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Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/19/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board