

1 [Organic Certified Goods]

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3 **Resolution establishing City policy of maximizing purchase of Organic Certified**
4 **materials when procuring necessary goods for the city.**

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6 WHEREAS, Each year the City and County of San Francisco spends hundreds of
7 thousands of dollars purchasing food, apparel and other goods; and,

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9 WHEREAS, the City's Department of the Environment has established several
10 programs which seek to minimize the purchase of toxic products that are harmful to the
11 environment and human health; and,

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13 WHEREAS, The City has adopted the Integrated Pest Management Ordinance (file
14 number 030422, passed October 1996), which requires the City to minimize the use of
15 chemical pesticides and to eliminate the use of the most toxic chemicals on City property, and

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17 WHEREAS, The City has adopted the Precautionary Principle Ordinance (file number
18 030422, passed July 2003), which states that when an activity raises threats of harm to
19 human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken, and

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21 WHEREAS, the City has recently established an ordinance sponsored by Supervisor
22 Maxwell entitled the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance (file number 050595, passed June
23 2005) that seeks to identify and promote the purchase of products by the City that protect
24 human health and the environment; and

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26 WHEREAS, "Organic" certification is a market-based system that encourages healthy, safe,
27 and sustainable systems of production and consumption by identifying food, beverage and
28 fiber products that are produced in an environmentally benign, toxic-free manner; and that

1 producers of these products are protected from exposure to dangerous agriculture chemicals,
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3 WHEREAS, Organic certified products are widely available and competitively priced in
4 the United States;

5 RESOLVED, the City and County of San Francisco will establish a policy to maximize
6 the purchase of Organic certified products in the process of procuring necessary goods for the
7 city, when such products are available and of comparable cost to non-certified products; and,
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10 FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Environment is requested to investigate
11 current purchasing options for Organic certified goods and issue recommendations by
12 December, 2005 that identify how the city can maximize purchase of competitively priced
13 Organic certified food and other products and potentially compel city contractors to provide
14 such goods; and, be it

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16 FURTHER RESOLVED, based on these recommendations, the city will implement a
17 process to maximize purchase of Organic Certified goods, possibly through the procurement
18 process established in the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance or through a separate
19 ordinance if appropriate.
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