

1 [75% Waste Diversion Goal for City Departments]

2

3 **Resolution adopting a goal of 75% landfill diversion by the year 2010 for each City**
4 **department.**

5

6 WHEREAS, The City's Resource Conservation Ordinance states that City Departments
7 should divert as much solid waste as possible from landfill and maximize purchases of
8 recycled products; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment and the Board of Supervisors of the
10 City & County of San Francisco adopted citywide goals of 75% diversion by 2010 and zero
11 waste by 2020; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted a City Composting Resolution urging all
13 City facilities with food service operations or contracted food service vendors to participate in
14 composting and recycling collection programs; and,

15 WHEREAS, The whistleblower complaint program administered by the City Controller,
16 as required by Proposition C, defines improper professional conduct to include the purchase
17 of unneeded supplies or equipment, and the failure to reuse or recycle major resources or
18 reduce waste generation; and,

19 WHEREAS, City departments divert approximately half of their waste from landfill yet
20 have the potential to divert 75% by better utilizing available recycling and composting
21 programs; and,

22 WHEREAS, The City pays about \$5 million to landfill approximately 80,000 tons of
23 waste and over \$1 million to buy paper per year, and these costs can be substantially reduced
24 through increasing source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting; and,

25

DUFTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, The City should lead residents and businesses by example in achieving
2 diversion goals through waste prevention and recycling; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors adopts a goal for each City department to
4 exceed 75% landfill diversion by the year 2010; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all departments and
6 vendors to reduce waste such as eliminating the procurement of unneeded supplies, reuse
7 resources such as duplexing printouts and copies, fully participate in available recycling and
8 composting programs, and purchase products made with recycled content such as paper and
9 recycled aggregate to achieve the above goal; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all departments to
11 appoint within 30 days and give necessary support to a Recycling Coordinator with the
12 necessary skills, time, and resources to accomplish the above goal; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the cooperation of all
14 directors, departmental functions such as purchasing, information technology, property and
15 building management, and custodians, and all other City employees and contractors to
16 accomplish the above goal.