

1 [Urging the University of California San Francisco to reduce its energy consumption through a  
2 reduction of night lighting]

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4 **Resolution urging the University of California San Francisco to reduce its energy**  
5 **consumption by 10% over the next two years, in part through a reduction of night**  
6 **lighting on its campuses.**

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8 WHEREAS, Energy consumption contributes directly to the production of greenhouse  
9 gases that cause climate change by heating the Earth's atmosphere; and

10 WHEREAS, The specter of global climate crisis, energy shortages, and rising sea  
11 levels affect the entire earth, including San Francisco, a city with three-fourths of its perimeter  
12 surrounded by water from the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is the largest employer  
14 in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, UCSF is a recognized leader in the health of San Francisco citizens and  
16 all of mankind; and

17 WHEREAS, UCSF is committed to promoting the highest ethical and environmental  
18 standards; and

19 WHEREAS, UCSF serves as a natural leader and model for the San Francisco  
20 community; and

21 WHEREAS, The loss of dark nights and starry skies due to street lights has a negative  
22 aesthetic affect on humans and other animals; and

23 WHEREAS, Scientific evidence shows that nightlights often do not inhibit crime,  
24 according to numerous studies, including those by the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers  
25 University; and

1           WHEREAS, Numerous school districts have saved energy costs while reducing  
2 vandalism by darkening their campuses, including the Spokane School District, the Riverside  
3 School District, and the Cupertino Union School District; and

4           WHEREAS, A recent startling research report suggests that nightlight may play a  
5 stimulatory role in environment-associated breast cancer; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges UCSF to begin a  
7 program to reduce its energy consumption by 10% over the next two years; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges UCSF to  
9 accomplish this reduction in part by a reduction of night lighting on its campuses.

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