

1 [Urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to Continue Implementing the
2 United States' Clean Power Plan]

3 **Resolution opposing the repeal of the Clean Power Plan and urging the United States**
4 **Environmental Protection Agency to continue implementing the Plan's critical policies**
5 **that require states to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and generate cleaner**
6 **energy.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors seeks to counter the growing
9 threat that greenhouse gas emissions pose to global climate and health through activities and
10 policies that reduce emissions and improve, enhance, and preserve San Francisco's long
11 term environmental sustainability as set forth in Section 4.118 of the City Charter; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, has set ambitious greenhouse gas
13 emissions reductions targets of 40% below 1990 levels by 2025 and 80% by 2050 (Board of
14 Supervisors Ordinance No. 81-08); and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a goal of reaching 100% renewable electricity by 2030
16 and has demonstrated that aggressive investment in and development of renewable electricity
17 can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously fueling our local economy; and

18 WHEREAS, While climate change continues to be a national and global challenge and
19 the Clean Power Plan is needed to spur other states to take action towards a shared goal of
20 cleaner, healthier air; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the
22 leadership of President Obama, finalized the Clean Power Plan Rule on August 3, 2015,
23 establishing state-by-state targets to lower carbon emissions produced by power generators
24 to 32% below 2005 levels by 2030; and

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1 WHEREAS, On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order directing
2 the EPA to begin dismantling the Clean Power Plan; and

3 WHEREAS, The repeal of the Clean Power Plan will limit the United States' ability to
4 meet the emission reduction targets set forth in the Paris Climate Agreement and will only
5 exacerbate the effects of climate change that are already visible throughout the world in the
6 form of super storms, droughts, floods, fires and more; and

7 WHEREAS, While climate change will impact the entire world, the resulting health
8 impacts are expected to disproportionately affect communities least able to prepare for, cope
9 with, and recover from them (San Francisco Department of Public Health's 2017 San
10 Francisco's Climate and Health Adaptation Framework); and

11 WHEREAS, On February 28, 2018, the EPA will hold a hearing in San Francisco to
12 collect public comment on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes the proposed
14 repeal of the Clean Power Plan and calls on the EPA to continue upholding and implementing
15 the Plan's policies and programs that reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and support
16 cleaner energy generation; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reiterates the
18 need to not only uphold the Clean Power Plan but to accelerate the local, national and global
19 transition to a clean energy economy because dramatically reducing the use of fossil fuels is
20 critical to averting a global climate and health crisis; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the United
22 States Environmental Protection Agency.