

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,

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

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

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15 WHEREAS, The City has adopted the Precautionary Principle Ordinance (file number  
16 030422, passed July 2003), which states that when an activity raises threats of harm to  
17 human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken, and

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

23 WHEREAS, "Organic" certification is a market-based system that encourages healthy, safe,  
24 and sustainable systems of production and consumption by identifying food, beverage and  
25 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,  
8 be it

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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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July 12, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval  
Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 12, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUL 21 2005

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom