

1 [Supporting the Department of Public Works accreditation efforts]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Department of Public Works' application to the American**  
4 **Public Works Association for accreditation.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, The American Public Works Association (APWA) is an international  
7 educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and  
8 individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, The mission of the Department of Public Works is to enhance the quality of  
10 life in San Francisco by providing outstanding public service by designing, building, operating,  
11 maintaining, greening, and improving the City's infrastructure, public rights of way, and  
12 facilities; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, The American Public Works Association provides a forum in which public  
14 works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the  
15 performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics  
16 to public attention in local, state and federal arenas; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively  
18 measure, verify, and recognize compliance with national recommended management  
19 practices and standards; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation requires DPW to assess its practices and continuously  
21 improve by identifying efficiencies and optimizing resources; and,

22 **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation supports DPW's strategic vision to become a world class  
23 organization that contributes to making San Francisco a beautiful, livable, vibrant, and  
24 sustainable city; and

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1       **WHEREAS**, APWA Accreditation application process requires DPW to conduct a self  
2 assessment of its management practices and present the findings to the Mayor and Board of  
3 Supervisors; and,

4       **WHEREAS**, The results of DPW's self-assessment finds that out of the 546 APWA  
5 management practices, DPW performs 299 and fully or substantially complies with all  
6 management practices; and,

7       **WHEREAS**, DPW will work with the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the community  
8 to solicit feedback on DPW's services to make improvements to the department's policies and  
9 procedures; and,

10       **WHEREAS**, DPW strives to join the other three Bay Area cities and counties that have  
11 received accreditation - the City of Oakland, City of Berkeley, and Contra Costa County; and,

12       **WHEREAS**, DPW is committed to applying for re-accreditation every three years, as  
13 required by APWA; and,

14       **WHEREAS**, DPW is committed to completing the accreditation process by the end of FY  
15 2009-2010; now, therefore, be it

16       **RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors supports the Department of Public Works in its  
17 efforts to obtain accreditation from the American Public Works Association.  
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February 02, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/2/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

2-11-10

Date Approved