

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 897 (Mullin) - Regional Climate Adaptation]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 897, introduced on February**
4 **17, 2021, by Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (AD-22), which would authorize eligible**
5 **entities to establish and participate in a regional climate network, require the regional**
6 **climate network to develop a regional climate adaptation plan, and authorize the**
7 **regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, including**
8 **recommending options for distributing state funds for the creation and implementation**
9 **of regional climate adaptation action plans.**

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11 WHEREAS, The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) prepared reports to the
12 Governor in 2009 and 2013 detailing the existing and expected impacts of global warming in
13 California, including the potential for sea level rise by as much as 55 inches by the end of the
14 21st century, putting nearly half a million people and \$100 billion worth of property and
15 infrastructure at risk of flooding, as well as the devastating impacts of California fire seasons,
16 which now start earlier and last longer with more intensity, and the serious threats posed to
17 California’s agricultural industry, which generate multiple billions of dollars annually and is
18 responsible for more than half of all domestic fruits and vegetables; and

19 WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment stated in its 2013
20 and 2018 reports that Californians experience some of the worst air quality in the country as a
21 result of the crisis of global warming, which creates higher temperatures and increased
22 particulate matter, and disproportionately impacts the urban poor, the elderly, children,
23 agricultural workers and communities of color; and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 246 (Wieckowski) in 2015, which
25 directed the Office of Planning and Research to form the Integrated Climate Adaptation and

1 Resilience Program, a program to implement a cohesive, strategic and coordinated response
2 to the debilitating real-world impacts of climate change across the state, while advancing
3 social equity; and

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (AD-22) introduced Assembly Bill No. 897
5 on February 17, 2021, which would authorize eligible entities to establish and participate in a
6 regional climate network, require the regional climate network to develop a regional climate
7 adaptation plan, and authorize the regional climate network to engage in activities to
8 implement the regional climate adaptation action plan; and

9 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 897 provides needed flexibility for each region to
10 determine the most appropriate form of regional collaboration to develop and implement their
11 regional adaptation planning efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 897 seeks to address the constrained funding
13 environment that has hampered adaptation progress by directing the Governor's Office of
14 Planning and Research to make recommendations on viable funding and financing pathways
15 for regional adaptation planning and implementation; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 supports California State Assembly Bill No. 897, introduced on February 17, 2021 by
18 Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (AD-22), which would authorize eligible entities to establish
19 and participate in a regional climate network, require the regional climate network to develop a
20 regional climate adaptation plan, and authorize the regional climate network to engage in
21 activities to address climate change, including distributing state funds for the creation and
22 implementation of regional climate adaptation action plans; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
24 to transmit this Resolution to the offices of the State Legislative Delegation and the City
25 Lobbyist upon final passage.