

[Commission on the Environment]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION ____

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 4.118, to clarify the authority of the Commission on the Environment to consider and make recommendations regarding environmental justice issues, to authorize the Commission to review and make recommendations regarding City building and land use policies for environmental sustainability, to authorize the Commission to assist City representatives to regional bodies, and to update the list of operations and functions that the Commission shall investigate and make recommendations regarding.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 4, 2008, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Section 4.118, to read as follows:

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*.
Deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.

SEC. 4.118. COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

(a) The Commission on the Environment shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor, pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Members may be removed by the Mayor.

(b) The Department of the Environment shall regularly produce an assessment of San Francisco's environmental condition. It shall also produce and regularly update plans for the long-term environmental sustainability of San Francisco.

(c) Pursuant to the policies and directives set by the Commission, and under the supervision and direction of the department head, the Department shall manage the

environmental programs, duties and functions assigned to it pursuant to Section 4.132 or by ordinance.

(d) The Commission shall have the authority to review and make recommendations on any policy proposed for adoption by any City agency regarding conformity with the long-term plans for environmental sustainability, including environmental justice except for those regarding building and land use.

(e) The Commission may investigate and make recommendations to all City agencies related to operations and functions, such as:

1. Air quality;
2. Climate change, peak oil, and energy;
3. Biodiversity;
4. Waste reduction;
5. Toxics reduction;
6. Food security; and,
7. Other environmental issues, as well as environmental monitoring and enforcement.
- ~~1. Solid waste management;~~
- ~~2. Recycling;~~
- ~~3. Energy conservation;~~
- ~~4. Natural resource conservation;~~
- ~~5. Environmental inspections;~~
- ~~6. Toxics;~~
- ~~7. Urban forestry and natural resources;~~
- ~~8. Habitat restoration; and~~
- ~~9. Hazardous materials.~~

(f) The Commission shall conduct public education and outreach to the community on environmental issues, including, but not limited to each of the categories listed above.

(g) The Commission may also assist San Francisco's representatives on multi-county and regional boards and commissions in reviewing and analyzing the effects of regional policies and decisions on San Francisco's environment.

(h) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit or abridge the powers and responsibilities or authority of any other Commission or entity under the Charter.

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