

1 [Ed Harrington Commendation of Distinguished Service]

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3 **Resolution commending San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager,**  
4 **and former City Controller, Ed Harrington, for 28 years of distinguished service to the**  
5 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has served the people of San Francisco for the past 28  
8 years with honor and distinction; and

9 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington worked at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
10 (SFPUC) from 1984 to 1991 in the Finance Department and in that time advanced to being an  
11 Assistant General Manager at the SFPUC; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1991 Mayor Art Agnos appointed, and in 2000 Mayor Willie Brown  
13 reappointed Ed Harrington to serve as Controller of San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, After serving the City with honor and distinction as Controller for 17 years,  
15 Ed Harrington was nominated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and  
16 appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom to serve as General Manager of the SFPUC in March,  
17 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, As Controller of San Francisco, Ed Harrington was integral in transforming  
19 the Controller's office into a model City department, leading the City toward more transparent,  
20 accountable, and fiscally responsible practices and policies; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Ed Harrington's leadership the City strengthened its open records  
22 practices by making San Francisco's financial books open to the public, educational  
23 institutions, the media, and other interested parties, and consistently emphasized the right of  
24 citizens to know the financial affairs of the City; and

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1           WHEREAS, During his tenure as SFPUC General Manager, Ed Harrington used his  
2 exceptional financial management, extensive knowledge of City operations, outstanding  
3 leadership, and commitment to community improvement to guide the SFPUC through a period  
4 of unprecedented success across the Water, Wastewater and Power Enterprises; and

5           WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has overseen the implementation of the \$4.6 billion Water  
6 System Improvement Program (WSIP) which seismically upgrades, repairs, and replaces key  
7 components of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, greatly improving water service  
8 reliability; and

9           WHEREAS, Ed Harrington directed the SFPUC's initiative to pursue an innovative  
10 program of energy efficiency and conservation, including the installation of substantial new  
11 renewable energy sources in San Francisco, such as the solar photovoltaic project on the roof  
12 of Sunset Reservoir, and many other municipal facilities; and

13           WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has advanced the long anticipated, and much needed  
14 Sewer System Improvement Program, leading to the Commission's recent endorsement of  
15 goals and objectives, and a plan of action to move forward with a multi-billion dollar upgrade  
16 to critical sanitary sewer facilities, and significantly advance the level of ongoing capital repair  
17 and replacement of aging wastewater infrastructure; and

18           WHEREAS, Through Mr. Harrington's deep commitment to improving the lives of  
19 disadvantaged San Francisco residents, he led the SFPUC to become the first utility in the  
20 nation to establish a Community Benefits Policy and Environmental Justice Policy, which has  
21 guided the agency to ensure that water, wastewater, and power operations meaningfully  
22 benefit low-income people and communities of color in San Francisco and regionally; and

23           WHEREAS, The City's Local Hire Ordinance has been a great success in part due to  
24 the support and resources marshaled by Mr. Harrington to ensure that City-funded projects  
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1 hire local workers and utilize local contractors, resulting in unprecedented numbers of local  
2 business enterprises certified for SFPUC projects; and

3 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington led the SFPUC in the transition to a more sustainable  
4 headquarters at 525 Golden Gate Avenue, which is considered to be one of the greenest  
5 buildings in North America, representing a significant, long-term investment in San  
6 Francisco's environmental and economic future that will result in ratepayer savings; and

7 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has generously shared his knowledge and practical advice  
8 on City matters as a mentor, colleague, and advisor to many department heads, elected  
9 officials, commissioners, agency staff, and community and labor leaders across the City,  
10 emphasizing collaboration to produce fair and efficient government practices; and

11 WHEREAS, While serving as City Controller, Mr. Harrington demonstrated his  
12 exemplary commitment to the future of San Francisco by advancing San Francisco's  
13 participation in the City Hall Fellows program, which engages recent college graduates in  
14 public service through full-time placements within local government agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington's deep impact and influence on San Francisco in the past,  
16 present, and future inspires others to continue his legacy of leadership, optimism, and  
17 proactive improvements to produce an efficient government that solves problems and builds  
18 partnerships; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Ed  
20 Harrington on an outstanding career of service to the people of San Francisco and expresses  
21 its deepest gratitude for his dedicated, knowledgeable and forward-thinking leadership serving  
22 the City and County of San Francisco.

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