

1 [Urging the Inclusion of Climate Action Plan Funding Priorities in the General Obligation Bond
Schedule]

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3 **Resolution urging the Capital Planning Committee to include Climate Action Plan (CAP)**
4 **funding priorities recommended by the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment**
5 **(CLEE) Report, entitled “Funding San Francisco Climate Action: Strategies for**
6 **Revenue, Implementation, and Equity,” in the proposed General Obligation (GO) Bond**
7 **schedule.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Paris Climate Agreement committed national governments to
10 pursue efforts to limit temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a
12 special report on the impacts of global warming and the need to significantly reduce global
13 greenhouse gas emissions well before 2030 to reduce the most detrimental impacts to
14 ecosystems and to human health; and

15 WHEREAS, Transportation is the highest source of greenhouse gas emissions in San
16 Francisco, and improving transit and active transportation access will increase connectivity
17 and economic opportunity, and increasing electric vehicle (EV) use will improve air quality for
18 San Franciscans; and

19 WHEREAS, SFMTA and other City leaders have developed comprehensive, multi-
20 decade capital plans encompassing a range of investments in transportation infrastructure,
21 outlining over \$30 billion in capital needs through 2040; and

22 WHEREAS, Buildings are the second-highest source of greenhouse gas emissions in
23 San Francisco, and energy efficiency improvements in buildings will result in immediate
24 quality-of-life benefits for residents; and

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1 WHEREAS, On July 27 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted new climate action
2 goals, including complete building decarbonization by 2040, on file with the Clerk of the Board
3 of Supervisors in File No. 210563, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as
4 if set forth fully herein; and

5 WHEREAS, The 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes policy
6 strategies to drive retrofits of existing buildings, with a focus on lower-income residents
7 including requirements to electrify at various transfer or renovation points; and

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Department of the Environment contracted UC Berkeley’s
9 Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE) to assess options for funding the equitable
10 implementation of San Francisco’s CAP; and

11 WHEREAS, To develop the recommendations in this report, CLEE conducted over 50
12 expert interviews with community leaders, City departments, municipal finance and
13 environmental policy experts and other stakeholders, facilitated two expert and stakeholder
14 workshops to discuss revenue generation options, and convened a Technical Advisory
15 Committee that provided guidance on opportunities and barriers to each potential strategy;
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17 WHEREAS, The CLEE Report, “Funding San Francisco Climate Action: Strategies for
18 Revenue, Implementation, and Equity” was released in November 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, The priority recommendations in this report include ensuring CAP funding
20 priorities are reflected in the City’s General Obligation (GO) Bond schedule; and

21 WHEREAS, A large-scale GO bond can both kick-start efficiency and electrification
22 investment in high-priority communities and establish permanent programs that can marshal
23 the billions of dollars of private capital required for CAP building decarbonization efforts; and

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1 WHEREAS, A large-scale GO bond is needed to kick-start investment in high-priority,
2 high-profile decarbonized transit projects while meeting the financial scale of major
3 transportation capital infrastructure; and

4 WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends a dedicated \$300-500 million building
5 decarbonization GO bond to fund efficiency and electrification retrofits for existing residential
6 buildings; and

7 WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends increasing the size of the upcoming
8 affordable housing GO bond by \$50-100 million to fund the San Francisco Housing
9 Accelerator Fund for CAP-aligned housing investment; and

10 WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends a dedicated \$300-500 million
11 transportation GO Bond to fund public transit, active transportation, and electric vehicle
12 charging infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, While the CLEE report presents three separate GO bond proposals, in
14 practice, the nuances of the public approval process and benefits of simplicity could call
15 instead for a single, comprehensive GO bond for building decarbonization, housing, and
16 transportation investments; and

17 WHEREAS, The City’s proposed GO bond schedule will be updated by the Capital
18 Planning Committee and presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption as part of the 10-
19 Year Capital Plan update in 2023; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Capital Planning Committee to
21 include CAP funding priorities recommended by the CLEE Report in the proposed GO Bond
22 schedule; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That those recommendations include (a) a dedicated \$300-
24 500 million building decarbonization GO bond to fund efficiency and electrification retrofits for
25 existing residential buildings, (b) increasing the size of the upcoming affordable housing GO

1 bond by \$50-100 million to fund the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund for CAP-aligned
2 housing investment, (c) a dedicated \$300-500 million transportation GO Bo to fund public
3 transit, active transportation, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, or (d) a single,
4 comprehensive GO bond for building decarbonization, housing, and transportation
5 investments; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this
7 Resolution to the members of the San Francisco Capital Planning Committee.

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