

1 [Affirming San Francisco’s Commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement]

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3 **Resolution affirming the City and County of San Francisco’s commitment to the Paris**  
4 **Climate Agreement and to taking bold climate action in the wake of the Trump**  
5 **administration’s attempts to dismantle policies and defund programs that reduce**  
6 **harmful greenhouse gas emissions.**

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8 WHEREAS, 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate  
9 change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, The Trump administration’s announcement to withdraw from the Paris  
11 Climate Agreement undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change and damages  
12 the world’s ability to avoid the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change; and

13 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has abdicated its moral and civic responsibility  
14 to protect our planet and the global community; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has never shied away from  
16 ambitious action on climate change even in the absence of federal leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco has proven that strong action on climate change is good for  
18 the planet and for the economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 1990, San Francisco has become a national example by reducing  
20 citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 28%, while the city’s population grew by 19% and the  
21 local economy by 78%; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco, in joining the State of California in the fight against climate  
23 change, has set ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 40 percent below  
24 1990 levels by the year 2025, and 80 percent by the year 2050 (Board of Supervisors  
25 Ordinance No. 81-08); and,

1           WHEREAS, To reach these targets, San Francisco has adopted a "0-50-100-ROOTS"  
2 climate action strategy of sending zero waste to landfill, shifting 50% of all trips to public  
3 transit, ridesharing, biking or walking, achieving 100% renewable energy, and sequestering  
4 carbon through urban forestry and compost application; and

5           WHEREAS, San Francisco has adopted innovative, forward-thinking policies to  
6 advance "0-50-100-ROOTS" including CleanPowerSF, San Francisco's Community Choice  
7 Aggregation program delivering cleaner energy to residents and businesses, the toughest ban  
8 on the sale and distribution of polystyrene foam products in the country, and an industry-  
9 funded Safe Medicine Disposal program to provide residents with convenient drop-off  
10 locations for unused medicines; and

11           WHEREAS, While climate change will impact all San Franciscans, the health impacts  
12 of climate change are expected to disproportionately affect communities least able to prepare  
13 for, cope with, and recover from them (San Francisco Department of Public Health's 2017 San  
14 Francisco's Climate and Health Adaptation Framework); and

15           WHEREAS, San Francisco is part of a global coalition of cities, states, national  
16 governments, and business leaders who are speaking out about the importance of protecting  
17 our planet to ensure the well-being of current and future generations; and

18           WHEREAS, In the wake of President Trump's decision on the Paris Climate  
19 Agreement, San Francisco joined more than 211 U.S. mayors representing more than 54  
20 million Americans in reaffirming their cities' commitments to climate action as part of the  
21 Mayors' National Climate Action Agenda; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will remain at the forefront in  
23 the fight to protect our planet and the health and safety of all San Franciscans and will  
24 continue to vehemently support the principles of the Paris Agreement and the participation of  
25 the United States of America as a party to the Paris Agreement; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will not back down  
2 from its commitment to hold the increase in the global average temperature to below 2°  
3 Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°  
4 Celsius above pre-industrial levels, as set forth in the Paris Agreement; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its  
6 commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% from 1990 levels by the year  
7 2050 regardless of federal inaction, political posturing, or attempts to preempt local  
8 jurisdictions from pursuing legislative and legal actions to protect the environment; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will continue to  
10 stand with local and global partners, cities, regional and state partners, business leaders, the  
11 faith community, the public health community, scientists, activists, citizens and global  
12 community partners to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy, pursue bold and  
13 ambitious climate actions, and support inclusive, healthy and prosperous communities.

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