

1 [San Francisco Commission on the Environment Resolution in support of the Ordinance
2 amending the Environment Code to update the City’s climate action goals and planning process
3 and establish departmental roles and responsibilities.]
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5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Commission on the Environment seeks to improve,
6 enhance, and preserve the environment and to promote San Francisco’s long-term environmental
7 sustainability as set forth in Section 4.118 of the City Charter; and

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco, the Bay Area, and the State of California are already
9 suffering the effects of climate change in the form of droughts, air pollution, extreme heat,
10 frequent wildfires, flooding, and much more; and

11 WHEREAS, At the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit, San Francisco committed to
12 meet the Paris Climate Accords by achieving a net zero city by 2050; and

13 WHEREAS, The City joined in a Climate Equity Pledge to ensure that the City’s 2020
14 Climate Action Strategy update achieves the dual goals of advancing racial equity and
15 decreasing carbon emissions; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s climate commitments and climate action strategy are
17 summarized by the City’s “0-80-100-Roots” framework, which defines climate and sustainability
18 goals in four key areas: solid waste (“0% solid waste”), transportation (“80% low carbon trips”),
19 energy (“100% renewable energy”), and carbon sequestration (“Roots”); and

20 WHEREAS, Achieving the “0-80-100-Roots” goals in the City will mean cleaner air,
21 fewer vehicles on the road, more reliable transit systems, more bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly
22 networks, highly efficient homes and businesses powered by 100% clean electricity, a robust

1 urban tree canopy, plentiful green spaces, improved soil health, and a regenerative ecosystem;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment’s 2019 report “Focus 2030: A Pathway
4 to Net Zero Emissions,” shows that achieving accelerated emissions reductions by 2050 will
5 require an ongoing commitment that builds upon and surpasses San Francisco’s past successes
6 and increases resources accordingly to continue to reduce emissions all the way to net zero; and

7 WHEREAS, A racial equity framework needs to be applied to achieving these targets;
8 that addresses historical and social inequities, prioritizes social, economic, and environmental
9 benefits derived from implementing climate solutions, and ensures an equitable distribution of
10 those benefits; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment supports the amendments the
12 Environment Code to update the City’s climate action goals and planning process, and establish
13 departmental roles and responsibilities; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission will support the Department of the
15 Environment’s preparation and submission of a Climate Action Plan for the Mayor’s approval by
16 December 31, 2021; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission supports establishing new targets for the
18 City including:

19 (1) By 2030, a reduction in Sector-Based Greenhouse Gas Emissions of at least 61%
20 compared to 1990 levels;

21 (2) By 2030, a reduction in Consumption-Based Greenhouse Gas Emissions to 30
22 mtCO₂e per household or less, equivalent to a 40% reduction compared to 1990 levels;

1 (3) By 2045, achievement of Net Zero Sector-Based Greenhouse Gas Emissions by
2 reducing such emissions by at least 90% compared to 1990 levels and sequestering any residual
3 emissions;

4 (4) By 2050, a reduction in Consumption-Based Greenhouse Gas Emissions to 10
5 mtCO2e per household or less, equivalent to an 80% reduction compared to 1990 levels; and, be
6 it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That these ambitious targets are needed in order to protect San
8 Francisco and its most vulnerable residents from the worst impacts of climate change; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of
10 Supervisors to pass this ordinance in order to continue San Francisco’s leadership role in fighting
11 to protect its citizens from climate impacts.

12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the Environment’s
13 meeting on May 25, 2021.

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16 Katie Chansler, Commission Affairs Officer

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18 Vote: 6 - 0

19 Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Bermejo, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald, Wan

20 Noes: None

21 Absent: None