

1 [Resolution supporting the Clear Act]

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3 Resolution in support of the CLEAR Act currently pending in the United States Senate and  
4 encouraging the California Air Resources Board to enact rules for AB32 implementation  
5 mirroring the provisions of the CLEAR Act providing for a Cap and Dividend protocol for  
6 greenhouse gas emissions reduction.  
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8 WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that "warming  
9 of the climate system is unequivocal," and that "most of the observed increase in global  
10 average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase  
11 in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations"; and

12 WHEREAS, The estimated costs to society of inaction on climate change are  
13 significant, and may include increases in extreme weather events, disruptions to agriculture,  
14 sea level rise, water scarcity, and more; and

15 WHEREAS, California's economy is particularly well-positioned to benefit from  
16 innovations in low carbon and clean technologies, cost savings from energy efficiency,  
17 increased use of renewable energy, and the green jobs that result from such innovation; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB32)  
19 sets goals to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions back to 1990 levels by 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, The California Economic and Allocations Advisory Committee released a  
21 report in January 2010 that recommends limiting greenhouse gas emissions by auctioning a  
22 declining number of emissions permits to fossil fuel importers and producers, and returning  
23 "roughly 75 percent of allowance value" back to households; and  
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1 WHEREAS, At least 164 cities in California as members of ICLEI-Local Governments  
2 for Sustainability, have pledged to quantify and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and  
3 set local emission reduction targets; and

4 WHEREAS, Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have  
5 introduced the Carbon Limits and Energy for American Renewal (CLEAR) Act into the U.S.  
6 Senate, which sets a cap on overall emissions, auctions permits to fossil fuel importers, and  
7 returns 75 percent of revenues back to households as a cash dividend; now therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9 encourages the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to enact rules for AB32 implementation  
10 that protect households by auctioning permits to fossil fuel importers and producers and  
11 returning the majority of revenues back to households; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13 encourages the U.S. Senate, and California's Senators in particular, to pass the CLEAR Act;  
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a fully conformed copy  
16 of this resolution the ARB and to United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.