1	[Accept-Expend Regional Grant – Recycling and Lunchroom Composting Programs -		
2	\$18,000]		
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4	Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a		
5	grant in the amount of \$18,000 from Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand		
6	recycling and lunchroom composting programs at schools in San Francisco.		
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8	WHEREAS, Based on evaluation of responses to an Altamont Education Advisory		
9	Board request for proposals in the area of Waste Reduction and Environmental Education, the		
10	Department of the Environment's School Education Program was selected to be the recipient		
11	of \$18,000.00 in funding to support the San Francisco Unified School District in diverting 50%		
12	of its waste by the end of 2011 by providing compostable bags to schools and stipends to		
13	custodians; and,		
14	WHEREAS, While the City achieved 72% city-wide waste diversion in 2009, San		
15	Francisco Unified School District only diverted approximately 47% of its waste in 2009; and,		
16	WHEREAS, On December 9, 2003, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted		
17	landfill diversion goals of 50% by 2006, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2025; and,		
18	WHEREAS, A school's waste stream is generally comprised of 41% paper,		
19	2% glass, 4% metal, 12% plastic, and 32% organic matter such as food scraps, yard		
20	trimmings, and soiled paper, which means schools with comprehensive recycling and		
21	composting programs could potentially divert up to 97% of their waste; and,		
22	WHEREAS, For seventeen years, San Francisco's public and private schools have		
23	sought the assistance of the Department of the Environment to teach environmental concepts,		
24	implement successful resource conservation and waste diversion programs, and create		
25	positive behavior changes towards the environment; and,		

1	WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment operates one of the most progressive		
2	waste diversion programs in the country and is ideally positioned to apply its recycling and		
3	recovery knowledge to schools; and,		
4	WHEREAS, Many schools struggle to implement waste diversion programs without		
5	adequate classroom recycling bins, compostable bags, and the on-going participation of		
6	custodians; and,		
7	WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment's School Education Program has		
8	partnered with the San Francisco Unified School District and Recology Waste Management		
9	Company to address the challenges faced by schools; and,		
10	WHEREAS, Funding from this grant will help provide compostable bags and stipends		
11	for custodians to assist in implementing waste diversion programs; and,		
12	WHEREAS, The grant budget includes provision for indirect costs of \$1800; and,		
13	WHEREAS, This grant does not require an ASO amendment; now, therefore, be it		
14	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of		
15	the Department of the Environment to accept and expend funding in the amount of		
16	\$18,000.00 from the Altamont Education Advisory Board to expand recycling and lunchroom		
17	composting programs at schools in San Francisco.		
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19	Recommended:	Approved:	
20		Mayor	
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22	Department Head	Controller, Grant Division	
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