

1 [Urging the Treasurer/Tax Collector to Update the Socially Responsible Investment Matrix]

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3 **Resolution urging the Office of the Treasurer/Tax Collector to immediately update the**
4 **City’s socially responsible investment matrix by adding financing of the Dakota Access**
5 **Pipeline as a screening factor.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Dakota Access Pipeline is a \$3.8 billion project of Dallas-based
8 Energy Transfer Partners that is designed to transport as many as 570,000 barrels of crude oil
9 daily from North Dakota to Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The Dakota Access Pipeline is set to travel underneath the Missouri River,
11 which serves as the primary drinking water source for the Standing Rock Sioux, a tribe of
12 approximately 10,000 people; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
14 has documented over 3,300 oil and gas leaks and ruptures in U.S. pipelines since 2010, and
15 even a small rupture in the Dakota Access Pipeline could contaminate the Standing Rock
16 Sioux’s access to clean water and impact the water for 17 million Americans living
17 downstream; and

18 WHEREAS, The construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline violates treaties between
19 indigenous tribes and the United States government and endangers water rights; and

20 WHEREAS, While President Obama temporarily paused construction of the pipeline in
21 September of 2016, President Trump, who has investments in Energy Transfer Partners and
22 who has received more than \$100,000 in campaign contributions from ETP’s chief executive,
23 has supported expediting the construction of Dakota Access Pipeline; and

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1 WHEREAS, There is wide-spread opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, with
2 legislation from cities including Seattle, Alameda, Santa Monica, and Davis exploring
3 divestment from banking institutions financing the pipeline; and

4 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution, “Supporting
5 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline” in November
6 of 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, The Standing Rock Water Protectors and the indigenous-led San
8 Francisco Defund DAPL Coalition, including Idle No More SF Bay, Indian People Organizing
9 for Change, SFSU SKINS, Stanford University Indigenous Feminists, Stanford Native
10 Mentorship in Public Health, 350 San Francisco, The Sunflower Alliance, Asian Pacific
11 Environmental Network (APEN), The Greenlining Institute, San Francisco Berniecrats,
12 Portrero Hill Democratic Club, San Francisco Green Party, Stand.earth, Center for
13 Environmental Health, Arab Resource and Organizing Center, Jewish Voice for Peace - Bay
14 Area Chapter, Stop Urban Shield Coalition, Students for a Just and Stable Future,
15 Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity (FACES), EarthJustice Associates,
16 and Injustice Boycott have called upon the City and County of San Francisco to revisit its
17 financial investments and contracts that are connected to the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

18 WHEREAS, The Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the City and County of
19 San Francisco enacted an Investment Policy effective May 2016, which states, in part, that in
20 addition to the three primary objectives for investment, that the “investment of funds should be
21 guided by the following socially responsible investment goals when investing in corporate
22 securities and depository institutions,” which include social and environmental concerns; and

23 WHEREAS, The Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector currently invests 13.99% of
24 its total investment portfolio in issuers that subsequently finance the Dakota Access Pipeline,
25 including Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Morgan

1 Stanley Government Portfolio, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Blackrock T-
2 Fund Institutional, and US Bancorp, totaling \$1,173,044,634; and

3 WHEREAS, City and County of San Francisco Treasurer Jose Cisneros on
4 February 28, 2017 released a statement that, "I am considering adding financing of the
5 Dakota Access Pipeline to the socially responsible investment matrix when we do our annual
6 update of the screening factors in October," which is more than six months away; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 urges the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to update the socially responsible
10 investment matrix by adding the Dakota Access Pipeline as a screening factor; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Treasurer to move
12 with expediency in exploring divestments from issuers that do not meet the socially
13 responsible investment criteria, as updated; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Treasurer and Tax
15 Collector to prepare an annual report on City and County investments as they relate to the
16 socially responsible criteria outlined in its Investment Policy; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of
18 San Francisco to explore future alternative banking options that do not participate in the
19 financing of crude oil pipelines.

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