

1 [Prioritize Three Urban Environmental Accords Actions for Adoption]

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3 **Resolution prioritizing three key Urban Environmental Accords actions for adoption by**
4 **the Commission on the Environment for the Commission and Department of the**
5 **Environment to work on for Calendar Year 2007.**

6 WHEREAS, In 1945 the leaders of 50 nations gathered in San Francisco to develop
7 and sign the Charter of the United Nations; and

8 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco was chosen by the United Nations to host UN
9 World Environment Day 2005 during the historic 60th anniversary of the United Nations, and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco sponsored a week long celebration with over 350
11 community-based environmental events for United Nations World Environment Day that was
12 attended by Mayors from around the globe, and

13 WHEREAS, Every day of the World Environment Day week, the participating mayors
14 met in Urban Environmental Accords sessions to share solutions to the challenges common to
15 all mayors, discussing experiences and offering solutions to ensuring safe and clean energy,
16 water, air, food, homes, and public spaces for our citizens, and

17 WHEREAS, Mayors acknowledged the importance of the obligations and spirit of the
18 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, the 1992 Rio Earth Summit
19 (UNCED), the 1996 Istanbul Conference on Human Settlements, the 2000 Millennium
20 Summit, and the 2002 Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development, and

21 WHEREAS, Mayor Newsom initiated and signed the Urban Environmental Accords,
22 recognizing that for the first time in history, a majority of the world's population lives in cities,
23 and Mayors and local policymakers have a unique opportunity to provide leadership in
24 advancing sustainability, fostering vibrant economies, promoting social equity, and protecting
25 the planet's natural systems, and

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of San Francisco, 100 Mayors and Cities around the
2 world signed onto and began implementation of the Urban Environmental Accords, and

3 WHEREAS, The Accords state that between 2005 and 2012, cities should attempt to
4 implement as many of the 21 Accords as possible, with each city adopting three Accords
5 every year with progress recognized through a *City Green Star Program* - with 4 stars being
6 the objective, and

7 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment's Policy Committee held a public
8 hearing on Monday, February 12, 2007, to hear input from the public on which Urban
9 Environmental Accords should be prioritized for the Commission and Department of the
10 Environment to work on for calendar year 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, at that hearing The Commission's Policy Committee and the Department
12 of the Environment considered all Accords in the context of the following criteria (1) political
13 opportunities to move issues forward in the coming year, (2) available budget and human
14 resources for implementation, (3) current national and regional impact, (4) public visibility
15 aspects, (5) issues that would bring together different coalitions effectively, (6) something
16 measurable that can be completed in a year, and

17 WHEREAS, the Policy Committee and staff reviewed progress made towards all
18 accords and identified three key Urban Environmental Accords actions for adoption by the
19 Commission on the Environment; and

20 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment at its March 27, 2007 Commission
21 meeting considered and adopted the following three key Urban Environmental Accords
22 actions for adoption to work on for calendar year 2007 based on the Commission's Policy
23 Committee's recommendations:

24 **Action 5: Waste Reduction: Adopt a citywide law that reduces the use of a disposable,**
25 **toxic, or nonrenewable product category by at least fifty percent in seven years.**

1 **Action 8: Urban Design: Adopt urban planning principles and practices that**
2 **advance higher density, mixed use, walkable, bikeable and disabled-accessible**
3 **neighborhoods which coordinate land use and transportation with open space systems**
4 **for recreation and ecological restoration.**

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6 **Action 15: Transportation. Implement a policy to reduce the percentage of commute**
7 **trips by single occupancy vehicles by ten percent in seven years.**

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9 RESOLVED, The Commission on the Environment adopts as priority actions for
10 calendar year 2007 Urban Environmental Accords Actions 5, 8, and 15.

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12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved at the Commission on the
13 Environment's Meeting on March 27, 2007.

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15 Monica Fish 
16 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

17 VOTE: Adopted (4-0) (1 Absent)

18 Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi Jr, Gravanis, King and Mok

19 Noes: None

20 Absent: Commissioner Wald

