

1 [Commending Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment]

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3 **Approval of Resolution commending Jared Blumenfeld, Director, for his**  
4 **service to the Department of the Environment and to the City and County of**  
5 **San Francisco.**

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. appointed Jared Blumenfeld  
7 director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment in September 2001;  
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has continued to direct the Department and  
10 provide San Francisco's environmental leadership under Mayor Gavin Newsom;  
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12 WHEREAS, President Barak Obama appointed Jared Blumenfeld  
13 administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 in  
14 November 2009; and,

15 WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has grown the Department of Environment  
16 more than ten fold and has inspired and led the development of unprecedented  
17 urban environmental programs, including a zero waste program responsible for a  
18 72% diversion rate, groundbreaking climate initiatives, energy programs that  
19 have helped thousands of businesses reduce their energy use, and an array of  
20 toxic reduction programs; and,

21 WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld leaves a legacy of innovative  
22 environmental policy in San Francisco, where he was a prime mover behind  
23 groundbreaking pieces of legislation that have now become recognized best  
24 practices, including, among others: mandatory recycling and composting,  
25 banning single use plastic grocery bags in supermarkets and chain pharmacies,  
26 banning foamed polystyrene food service ware, requiring employers to offer  
27 commuter benefits; and,

1 WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld championed public access to information  
2 that will assist in environmental decision making, and was the driving force  
3 behind the online Solar Map as well as the San Francisco EcoMap; and,

4 WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has changed the cultural and physical  
5 makeup of San Francisco in ways that will benefit the community and promote  
6 long term wellbeing, including hosting United Nations World Environment Day in  
7 2005, the demolition of the Hunters Point Power Plant, the construction of the  
8 living classroom at Heron’s Head Park, and ongoing new residential and  
9 commercial construction under the green building ordinance; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment  
11 commends Jared Blumenfeld for his contributions to the City and County of San  
12 Francisco; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the  
14 Environment wishes Jared Blumenfeld well on his future endeavors with the  
15 United States Environmental Protection Agency.

16 I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved at the Commission on  
17 the Environment’s Meeting on November 24, 2009.

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20 *Monica Fish, Commission Secretary*

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22 Vote: Approved (6-0) (1 Absent)

23 Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Gravanis, Martin, Mok, Tuchow and Wald

24 Noes: None

25 Absent: Commissioner King

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