

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 2006.**

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 60<sup>th</sup> 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, 87 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, January 9, 2006, 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 2006; 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 28, 2006 Commission  
21 meeting considered and adopted the following three key Urban Environmental Accords  
22 actions for adoption to work on for calendar year 2006 based on the Commission's Policy  
23 Committee's recommendations:

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1           **Action 12:** Urban Nature. Pass legislation that protects critical habitat corridors and  
2 other key habitat characteristics (e.g. water features, food-bearing plants, shelter for  
3 wildlife, use of native species, etc.) from unsustainable development; and  
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5           **Action 17:** Environmental Health. Promote the public health and environmental  
6 benefits of supporting locally grown organic foods. Ensure that twenty percent of all city  
7 facilities (including schools) serve locally grown and organic food within seven years;  
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10          **Action 21:** Water. Adopt municipal wastewater management guidelines and reduce  
11 the volume of untreated wastewater discharges by 10 percent in seven years through  
12 the expanded use of recycled water and the implementation of a sustainable urban  
13 watershed planning process that includes participants of all affected communities and  
14 is based on sound economic, social, and environmental principles; and  
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16          WHEREAS, Action 12 should be a fundamental base for implementing Action 8:  
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18          **Action 8:** Adopt urban planning principles and practices that advance higher density,  
19 mixed use, walkable, bikeable and disabled-accessible neighborhoods which  
20 coordinate land use and transportation with open space systems for recreation and  
21 ecological reconstruction, now, therefore, be it  
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23          RESOLVED, The Commission on the Environment adopts as priority actions for  
24 calendar year 2006 Urban Environmental Accords Actions 12, 17, and 21 and determines that  
25 Action 12 shall be a fundamental base for implementing Action 8.

1 I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved at the Commission on the  
2 Environment's Meeting on March 28, 2006.

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5 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

6 VOTE: (Adopted 4-0) (2 Absent) (1 Vacant)

7 Ayes: Commissioners Desser, King, Mok and Wald

8 Noes: None

9 Absent: Commissioners Pelosi Jr. and Rodriguez

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