

1 **[SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**
2 **RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REDUCED RISK PESTICIDE LIST (RRPL)**
3 **FOR 2023]**

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5 WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 303(e) of the San Francisco Environment
6 Code allows the Commission on the Environment (“the Commission”) to exempt
7 “reduced-risk” pesticide products from the pesticide ban imposed by the Integrated
8 Pest Management (“IPM”) Ordinance upon a finding that the “reduced-risk”
9 pesticide is commonly used as part of an IPM strategy; and,

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco Environment Department (“the Department”)
11 annually performs an extensive evaluation of pesticide products that may qualify as
12 “reduced-risk” pesticides in consultation with members of the public, scientists,
13 and departments and agencies of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

14 WHEREAS, Public concern over the use of certain herbicides has
15 strengthened the Department’s focus on identifying the safest alternatives for weed
16 control; and,

17 WHEREAS, Since 2016, the Commission has approved additional herbicide
18 restrictions aimed at reducing the use of higher-hazard herbicide products; and,

19 WHEREAS, City departments involved with the citywide IPM Program
20 have substantially reduced the use of certain herbicides as a direct result of the
21 herbicide restrictions, including a 99.1% reduction in glyphosate (Roundup®) use
22 and a 98.7% reduction in “most hazardous” herbicide use in the City since 2010;
23 and,

24 WHEREAS, These City departments have also hired new staff, undertaken
25 numerous pilot studies, and organized staff trainings aimed at pursuing the safest
26 weed control practices; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Environment Department continues to work closely with
2 City departments to strengthen the implementation of the herbicide restrictions;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, The Commission is strongly committed to the community’s
5 right to know about potential hazards, as articulated in the Precautionary Principle
6 Ordinance; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Commission is strongly committed to promoting pest
8 management practices that are both effective and the safest available for City
9 workers, the environment, and the general public; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Environment Department has developed and recommends
11 the revised 2023 RRPL, for adoption by the Commission; now therefore be it,

12 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment finds that the
13 pesticide products on the revised 2023 RRPL are “reduced-risk” pesticides
14 commonly used as part of IPM strategy, and are therefore exempt from the ban
15 imposed by Section 302 of the Environment Code; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission requests that the
17 Environment Department continue to explore with other City departments
18 opportunities for no-pesticide and reduced risk alternatives on public properties,
19 and periodically report on its progress.

20 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
21 Environment at its meeting on September 26, 2023.

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24 Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer

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26 Vote: Approved 6-0

27 Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Wan, Hunter, Sullivan, Tompkins

- 1 Noes: None
- 2 Absent: Commissioner Bermejo