

1 **[Resolution Endorsing the Draft Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees]**

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3 **The Urban Forestry Council endorses the Draft Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees**
4 **and urges the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Department of Public**
5 **Works, and the Planning Department to adopt the Draft Urban Forest Plan, incorporate**
6 **the Urban Forest Plan into the City’s General Plan, and to complete the next two phases**
7 **of the Urban Forest Plan related to Parks and Open Spaces and Trees and Greening**
8 **Buildings and Private Property.**

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors to formed the Urban Forestry Council to
10 protect the community interest and ensure that San Francisco realizes the full range of
11 tree benefits into the future; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Council is charged with guiding the stewardship of San Francisco's
13 trees by promoting a healthy and sustainable urban forest that benefits all San
14 Franciscans while ensuring public health and safety; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council is charged with development and
16 adoption of a comprehensive urban forest plan; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Council adopted the 2006 Urban Forest Plan; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Draft Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees includes
19 important planning, funding and design considerations to improve the management,
20 health, and size of San Francisco's urban forest and street tree population; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Department intends to develop two future phases of the
22 Urban Forest Plan focusing on Parks and Open Spaces and Urban Greening; and,

23 WHEREAS, The City's General Plan identifies that, "The livability, amenity and
24 character of residential areas are greatly enhanced by trees, more so than by any
25 other single element"; and,

26 WHEREAS, The City's General Plan identifies an adopted policy to "Maintain and
27 expand the Urban Forest"; and,

1 WHEREAS, In Urban Forestry Council's Annual Urban Forest Reports, which
2 provides data on urban forestry management activities and resources, San Francisco's
3 urban forest managers consistently identify their highest priority issue is the lack of
4 adequate resources to effectively maintain the city's trees; and,

5 WHEREAS Urban Forestry Council has continually advocated for dedicated,
6 stable funding to support the city's urban forestry; therefore, be it:

7 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the Draft Urban Forest Plan:
8 Phase One, Street Trees; and be it,

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the goal of
10 maximizing the benefits of our urban trees as outlined in the Draft Urban Forest Plan;
11 and be it,

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council endorses the goal of
13 stabilizing the urban forest and increasing the canopy cover of San Francisco from
14 13.7% to 25% by 2033, including planting an additional 50,000 street trees, as outlined in
15 the Draft Urban Forest Plan; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council endorses the establishment of
17 Citywide Street Tree Maintenance Program whereby the Department of Public Works
18 would take on maintenance responsibility for 100% of San Francisco's street trees; and
19 be it,

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forest Council supports the establishment of
21 dedicated funding sources for street tree planting and maintenance as outlined in the
22 Draft Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Department of
24 Public Works to manage all street trees through their lifecycles including the
25 establishment of a Street Tree Nursery and Urban Wood Re-Use Program, with secured
26 adequate funding as outlined in the Draft Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That that the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
 2 Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Planning Department to adopt the Draft
 3 Urban Forest Plan: Phase One, Street Trees and incorporate the Plan into the General
 4 Plan; and be it,

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Board of
 6 Supervisors, Planning Department and other City Agencies to prioritize funding and
 7 support for the completion of the next two phases of the Urban Forest Plan; and be it,

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council urges the Planning
 9 Department to work with the Recreation and Parks Department and the Department of
 10 the Environment to complete the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Two, Parks and Open
 11 Spaces and the Urban Forest Plan: Phase Three, Greening Buildings and Private
 12 Property.

13 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
 14 Regular Meeting on February 25, 2014.

Monica Fish

Dan Flanagan

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 16 Monica Fish, Council Secretary

Dan Flanagan, Council Chair

17 VOTE: Approved 10-0; 1 Vacant

18 Ayes: Members Flanagan, Hillan, Hillson, Kida, Leffingwell, Most, Sherwin, Short, Sullivan
 19 and Swae

20 Noes: None

21 Absent: None

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