[San Francisco joins with others to form the creation of California Green Cities]

Resolution committing San Francisco to join other California cities in an effort to promote local, regional, and national sustainability measures, called California Green Cities.

WHEREAS, the cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin represent over 8 million residents of the State of California, along with their associated environmental impacts and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in history the majority of the planet’s population now lives in cities, and that continued urbanization creates a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, local environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, traffic congestion, and the ubiquity of toxic chemicals in the environment contribute to significant public health impacts in our cities; and

WHEREAS, current global environmental challenges related to the over-consumption of natural resources, climate change, peak oil, availability of clean fresh water, food security, and environmental justice put our cities and our residents at serious risk and require immediate action at all levels; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has already expressed its commitment to sustainability through the adoption of local sustainability plans, the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that San Francisco joins with the Cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin to create Green Cities California, to cooperatively and collectively take action to accelerate local, regional, national and international efforts to achieve sustainability; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Francisco commits to working with other Green Cities California members to influence state and national policy to promote reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; extended producer responsibility; sustainable land use, building and development; waste reduction; water conservation; energy efficiency and renewable energy; reduction in vehicle miles traveled and single occupancy vehicles; equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens and to secure state and federal funding to enhance the ability of local governments to accomplish these goals; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Francisco will assist other local governments throughout the state and the nation to adopt and implement sustainable policies and practices, and work to achieve the initial actions listed below for municipal operations:

1. purchase of 100% post-consumer recycled paper for all government operations;
2. elimination of the purchase of bottled water for government operations and government sponsored events;
3. promote the municipal purchase of local California foods;
4. establish a carbon offset plan for municipal air travel;
5. establish fuel efficiency standards for municipal vehicle fleets.

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Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Duffy, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Daly

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 15, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved: 1/18/08

Mayor Gavin Newsom