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Secretary Alice Hur,

The San Francisco Environment Department should receive the \$3 million it needs to successfully implement a Zero-Waste program.

Opportunities for landfill disposal are becoming smaller and more expensive year by year. San Francisco badly needs to achieve total recycling; efforts now will yield big savings in the future. If San Francisco is going to meet its goals, SFE must be properly funded to achieve them. I am very impressed with SFE's progress in reducing waste. When I visit friends and relatives in other cities, I'm impressed by how much more convenient our system is than theirs. Finally I can impress my in-laws; thanks, SFE!

There are still improvement to be made, especially in separating, recovering, and reuse refuse, especially batteries and e-waste. Many of these have components that are quite valuable. For example, if we can reclaim some of the rare earth elements, we can reduce the damage from mining. Separating organic materials from the waste stream would allow production of soil-renewing compost, and prevent formation of potent greenhouse gases like methane and nitrous oxide.

SFE has proved very effective in helping to inform the public and promote these goals. I believe that their request is modest, given the scope and the urgency of the problem, as well as the Prop F mandate to reach SF's environmental goals. I ask that you fully support the request for \$3 million, as it is necessary for SFE to do its mandated work. Thank you.

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