

1 [Urging CalEPA and OEHHA to Refine and Suspend Any Proposed Update to the
2 CalEnviroScreen Framework]

3 **Resolution urging the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and Office**
4 **of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to refine the CalEnviroScreen**
5 **framework to ensure dense, low-income urban neighborhoods in San Francisco retain**
6 **their eligibility for essential State grants; and suspend any proposed updates on**
7 **CalEnviroScreen until robust consultation occurs with residents, community**
8 **advocates, and environmental justice organizations in San Francisco.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is a
11 specialized department under the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA),
12 charged with the responsibility to assess health risks posed by environmental factors,
13 including harmful chemicals and other environmental hazards, such as extreme heat, and
14 understand interconnected environmental health burdens faced by individuals and
15 communities in California; and

16 WHEREAS, Using environmental, health, and socioeconomic information, OEHHA
17 developed CalEnviroScreen to identify communities burdened by multiple sources of pollution
18 and population vulnerabilities; and

19 WHEREAS, The latest July 2026 version of the CalEnviroScreen altered scoring
20 thresholds in ways that would remove certain areas within dense, low-income urban
21 neighborhoods, including San Francisco's Chinatown, Mission, South of Market, and
22 Tenderloin neighborhoods, from the list of "disadvantaged communities"; and

23 WHEREAS, Dense, low-income urban neighborhoods face unique, compound
24 environmental hazards, including extreme lack of green open space, high urban heat island
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1 vulnerability, deteriorating multi-family housing stock, disproportionately poor indoor air
2 quality, and elevated rates of respiratory illness; and

3 WHEREAS, Designation as a "disadvantaged community" under CalEPA criteria
4 dictates eligibility for critical funding streams, including Senate Bill 535 greenhouse gas
5 reduction funds, environmental remediation grants, urban greening allocations, and public
6 health infrastructure investments; and

7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has formally recognized the
8 systemic environmental burdens placed on its dense urban core by adopting the City's official
9 Environmental Justice Framework, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
10 No. 230280, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein,
11 which explicitly identifies Bayview Hunters Point, Chinatown, Excelsior, Japantown, Mission,
12 Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside, Outer Mission, Potrero Hill, South of Market,
13 Tenderloin, Treasure Island, Visitacion Valley, and Western Addition as designated local
14 Environmental Justice Communities facing severe cumulative environmental and
15 socioeconomic hardships; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco's local initiatives, including the 2021 San Francisco Climate
17 Action Plan and the Tenderloin Community Action Plan, both on file with the Clerk of the
18 Board of Supervisors in File No. 260977, which is hereby declared to be a part of this
19 Resolution as if set forth fully herein, depend heavily on aligning local equity strategies with
20 reliable State funding streams and innovative financing to achieve improved environmental
21 health outcomes for San Francisco residents; and

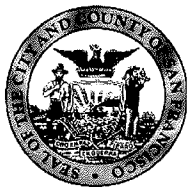
22 WHEREAS, The latest version of the CalEnviroScreen heavily weights regional spatial
23 averages, which tend to dilute and undermine intense, localized pollution burdens in compact,
24 urban environments, in which many low-income San Franciscans continue to reside; and
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1 WHEREAS, Disqualifying San Francisco's historic disadvantaged communities from
2 the official designation would disallow local public agencies and community-based
3 organizations from applying for and receiving State grant funds that low-income that residents
4 desperately rely on to improve health, safety, and well-being through building decarbonization,
5 indoor air filtration, urban cooling, and local transit equity; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 urges CalEPA and OEHHA to refine the CalEnviroScreen framework to ensure areas within
8 San Francisco's Environmental Justice Communities, including Chinatown, Mission, South of
9 Market, and Tenderloin neighborhoods can maintain their status under CalEPA and retain
10 eligibility to essential State grants; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges CalEPA to suspend any
12 proposed metric updates that would strip grant eligibility from historically vulnerable urban
13 census tracts until robust consultation occurs with residents, community advocates, and
14 environmental justice organizations in San Francisco; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
16 copy of this Resolution to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the
17 offices of San Francisco's State legislative delegation.



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September 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill,
Walton and Wong
Absent: 1 - Chan

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/15/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

09/25/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

09/25/2026

Date