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On behalf of the Commission of the Environment, I would like to congratulate you for your department's win of The 2012 Green & Blue X Award. Your efforts to make your department a model of our environmental laws and a sustainable leader in our community are much appreciated. Through your participation, the City and County of San Francisco is meeting many of our sustainability goals: we continue to lead the nation in zero waste practices, and through use of non fossil transportation fuels we have curtailed the growth of emissions from our vehicle fleet. We owe this progress to the *great* work of you and your colleagues!

At the end of this year we will assess our overall progress towards our municipal emissions reduction goal of 20% below 2005 levels. Converting the entire diesel-fueled fleet of the City of San Francisco to a 20% biodiesel blend (B20) will make a significant contribution to this goal. Wherever possible, fleets that can move beyond B20 to B50 will play a large role in emissions reductions as well. For departments with large facilities, natural gas usage must be addressed. For all departments, turning off all electronic equipment at the end of the work day, again where reasonable and appropriate will help us reduce our electricity demand and free up green Hetch Hetchy power to be used elsewhere on the grid.

This year the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office will be publishing an update to our Communitywide Climate Action Strategy. The passage of CCA was a first and critical step in making the Board mandated goals of this strategy a reality. Additionally, we will need the help of your agency in implementing many of the other important policies and actions at the community level from urban greening and public works, to public safety and mobility which will collectively bring our city to emissions levels needed in order to stabilize the climate system. We look forward to working with you to brainstorm these possibilities in the coming year.

Thank you again for being a champion for our children's future, and X.

With gratitude,

Commission President Matt Tuchow on behalf of the
Commission on the Environment