

1 **[San Francisco Biodiversity Policy]**

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3 **Resolution adopting a policy in support of protecting San Francisco's**  
4 **biodiversity.**

5 **WHEREAS, Despite 160 years of intense urban development, San**  
6 **Francisco retains significant remnants of its natural heritage, including**  
7 **plant and animal species supported by naturally occurring ecosystems,**  
8 **naturalistic landscapes, and urban development; and**

9 **WHEREAS, The City's native habitats are also important to global**  
10 **biodiversity conservation, given that the region is a global biodiversity**  
11 **hotspot recognized by the United Nations as part of the Golden Gate**  
12 **Biosphere Reserve and that San Francisco is located along the Pacific**  
13 **Flyway where twice each year hundreds of species of birds stop to feed**  
14 **and rest during their long flights between the Americas; and**

15 **WHEREAS, San Francisco City Charter section 4.118 states, "The**  
16 **Department of the Environment shall regularly produce an assessment of**  
17 **San Francisco's environmental condition. It shall also produce and**  
18 **regularly update plans for the long-term environmental sustainability of**  
19 **San Francisco"; and,**

20 **WHEREAS, The Charter also states, "The Commission shall have the**  
21 **authority to review and make recommendations on any policy proposed for**  
22 **adoption by any City agency regarding conformity with the long-term plans**

