WHEREAS, Stephanie Cushing has served the City and County of San Francisco as a leader in the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) Environmental Health branch for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cushing has modeled practical and innovative leadership throughout her tenure with the DPH; and

WHEREAS, as Director of Environmental Health, Ms. Cushing oversaw 36 distinct programs, ranging from food safety, Tobacco and e-cigarette policy, massage and tattoo business monitoring, and hazardous materials and waste. A majority of these programs enforce 40 of the 42 San Francisco Health Codes and require ongoing collaboration with local and state policy bodies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cushing is the first DPH Environmental Health Director to begin her DPH tenure as an inspector, before being promoted as a Senior Inspector, and then Manager. This multi-level experience provided her with helpful knowledge to lead the branch successfully; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cushing is the first woman in the long history of the DPH to hold the position of Environmental Health Director; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Ms. Cushing, Environmental Health utilized LEAN Change Management to improve the efficiency of the branch’s many diverse services; and

WHEREAS, The California Conference of the Directors of Environmental Health recognized Ms. Cushing’s effective leadership by awarding her the Excellence in Environmental Health award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission honors Stephanie Cushing for her many years of outstanding service contributing to the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans, and wishes her well in all future endeavors.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of June 2, 2020 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW