

RESOLUTION NO. 58,704-N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND USE OF PREVIOUSLY USED OR CERTIFIED, SUSTAINABLY-HARVESTED REDWOOD FOR CITY PROJECTS AND BANNING THE PURCHASE AND USE OF VIRGIN REDWOOD

WHEREAS, forests are diminishing at an unprecedented rate which has created a negative impact affecting wildlife habitat, soil, water quality and climate; and

WHEREAS, large scale successive generations of mechanized logging has created fragile, easily-eroded soils along the Northern California Coast; and

WHEREAS, sustainable forest management certification is a system of assessments which determine whether or not forests are sustainably managed on an ongoing basis and efforts are made to protect soil, watersheds, and maintain the productive capacity of forest ecosystems during and after logging; and

WHEREAS, by using either certified, sustainably-harvested redwood or previously used redwood, the City of Berkeley would be taking a positive step in preserving the soils, water, air, wildlife and overall biodiversity of the forests.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley hereby authorizes the use of previously used or certified, sustainably-harvested redwood and bans the purchase and use of virgin redwood for City Projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pressure-treated lumber which is treated with chemicals and is toxic to both workers and the environment should be avoided.

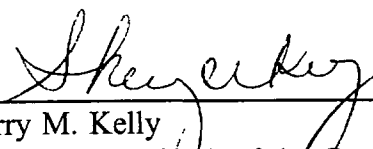
The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on October 29, 1996, by the following vote:

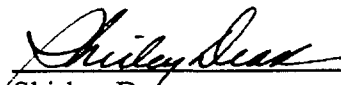
Ayes: Councilmembers Armstrong, Maio, Olds, Shirek, Spring, Wainwright, Woodworth, Woolley-Bauer and President Dean.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:


Sherry M. Kelly
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council


Shirley Dean

Mayor and President of the Council