

RESOLUTION NO. 59,595-N.S.

STATING PURCHASING PREFERENCE FOR CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, old-growth forests provide a habitat for wildlife and birds, including some threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, only a fraction of native old-growth trees remain making the remaining ancient forests increasingly important for sustaining wildlife that is native to these areas; and

WHEREAS, logging in the old-growth forests continues despite its consequences being the destruction of the forest habitat; and

WHEREAS, of the 500 million acres of commercial timberland in the United States, only 2.2 million acres are certified to be harvested in such a way that the area is left as a sustainable resource; and

WHEREAS, policies that favor the purchase of certified wood and wood products would stimulate a market for certified sustainable wood products and encourage members of the logging industry to have their practices certified.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley states a preference for the purchase of certified sustainable wood and wood products

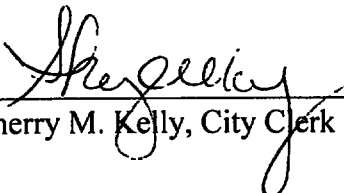
The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on July 7, 1998 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Armstrong, Breland, Maio, Olds, Shirek, Spring, Woolley, Worthington and Mayor Dean.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:


Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk


Shirley Dean, Mayor