

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO TO SIGN THE BAY FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING SEVEN PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

WHEREAS, public agencies and organizations set forth goals for preserving and improving the natural and built environment, protecting the health of residents and visitors, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable landscape can have a significant positive effect on energy, water and resource efficiency, waste and pollution generation, wildlife habitat, and the human health over the life of the landscape; and

WHEREAS, Bay Friendly landscape design, construction, operation, and maintenance contributes to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, improves air quality and enhances quality of life; and

WHEREAS, California's water supply is limited and under increasing pressure, and Bay Friendly landscaping and gardening conserves water; and

WHEREAS, Bay Friendly landscape and gardening practices support and enhance green building practices by extending them beyond the building and into the landscape, and recognizing that landscapes are a vital part of our built environment; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, sustainable landscape design, construction, and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread in the Bay Area and California, with many homeowners, commercial property owners and landscape professionals voluntarily seeking to incorporate sustainable landscaping techniques into their projects; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to both the economic and environmental health of the greater Bay Area that local officials provide leadership in the area of sustainable landscaping.

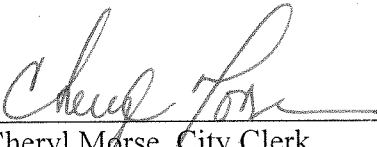
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito is a Charter Signatory to the Seven Principles of Bay Friendly Landscaping and Gardening as a model approach to sustainable landscaping.

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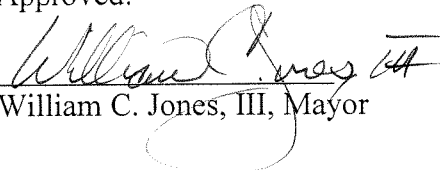
I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on February 19, 2008, the City Council passed this resolution by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Potter

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on February 20, 2008.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

Approved:


William C. Jones, III, Mayor