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2 A RESOLUTION endorsing the City of Seattle Community High-Road Agreement for Seattle's
3 Residential Retrofit Programs.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle aims to be a national model for saving energy, creating jobs,
5 improving homes, reducing carbon emissions and promoting equity by creating economic
6 opportunities and career pathways for low-income people, people of color, women,
7 veterans and other historically underrepresented-groups; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is launching a program for weatherization of the city's single
9 family homes, using federal stimulus dollars to support local efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, high-road standards are program requirements that (i) ensure broad access to the
11 program's economic opportunities for all types of businesses and workers; (ii) support
12 quality training programs that set trainees on long-term, sustainable, career paths; and
13 (iii) ensure high-quality work and efficient program operation; and

14 WHEREAS, the City convened a Stakeholder Committee with the charge of coming to
15 agreement on a set of high-road standards for this program; and

16 WHEREAS, the City and the Stakeholder Committee are committed to growing green businesses
17 and a green economy that puts people back to work and provides new employment
18 opportunities to disadvantaged communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the City and the Stakeholder Committee recognize that well-trained workers
20 earning decent wages and benefits produce quality work as they contribute to the good of
21 the community; and

22 WHEREAS, the City and the Stakeholder Committee support creating contracting,
23 subcontracting, training and employment policies that will strive to (i) provide pathways
24 to prosperity for all workers; (ii) offer family-supporting wages that lead to a lasting
25 career-track; (iii) involve stakeholders and community members in developing and
26 enacting policies and processes; and (iv) drive accountability and continuously evaluate
27 performance towards goals; and

28 WHEREAS, the City and the Stakeholder Committee believe that green jobs are a key
component of the regional economy, with products and services related to clean energy
providing living-wage jobs throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Stakeholder Committee have worked hard in a short period of time
to identify the ways in which the City's residential retrofit programs can maximize

1 environmental benefits and save residents money on energy bills, while setting high
standards for inclusive economic development and broad community benefits; and

2 WHEREAS, the Stakeholders' process has been marked by an impressive degree of
3 collaboration among and contributions from public, private, nonprofit, community, and
labor institutions; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Committee's recommendations are consistent with the Obama
Administration's goals for implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment
6 Act (ARRA); and

7 WHEREAS, by incorporating high-road standards into its programs Seattle will be a leading
8 example of 21st century sustainability practices – practices that focus simultaneously on
environmental protection, economic development, and equitable opportunity; and

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10 WHEREAS, establishing high-road standards in the City's residential retrofit programs can serve
as a model for other programs around the country as well as other City-sponsored energy
11 efficiency projects and programs;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City of Seattle acknowledges and commends the work of the citizens who
16 participated in and contributed to the development of the Community High-Road Agreement,
17 attached hereto as Attachment A, which establishes high-road standards and practices to be
18 incorporated into the City's federally financed residential retrofit programs to promote training
19 opportunities, the creation of new jobs, the conservation of energy, and the reduction in green
20 house gas emissions.
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22 Section 2. The City of Seattle hereby adopts the Community High-Road Agreement as
23 the framework for workforce standards and practices to be incorporated, to the maximum extent
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1 practicable, into the City's federally financed residential retrofit programs and considers it as a
2 model for other City initiated retrofit initiatives.

3 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and
4 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
5 of _____, 2010.

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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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12 Michael McGinn, Mayor

13 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

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17 City Clerk

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20 Attachment A: Community High-Road Agreement for Seattle's
21 Residential Retrofit Programs
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