

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CUPERTINO SUPPORTING THE PROHIBITION OF  
INDUSTRIAL CLEAR-CUT LOGGING IN THE FORESTS  
OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, there is significant public opposition to the logging method known as widespread industrial clear-cutting; and,

WHEREAS, the forests of California are not only revered by the people but are the source of more than 60% of the State's developed water supply; and,

WHEREAS, our forests fight global warming as they store carbon, release oxygen, cool streams, prevent flooding and siltation, resist fire, provide food, shelter and migration routes for wildlife, and host public recreation supporting the economy of mountain communities; and,

WHEREAS, widespread industrial clear-cutting commonly involves the removal of virtually all trees in 20-30 acre tracts, which are then replaced with even-aged tree plantations, and requires broad, repeated application of toxic herbicides that can enter waterways – all of which increase the risk of wildfires, landslides, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, pest invasions, and tree diseases; and,

WHEREAS, clear-cutting is prohibited within the boundaries of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties; and,

WHEREAS, California's forests urgently need the protection of sustainable selective logging to generate forests with trees of multiple ages and species, that can produce sufficient wood products and create more jobs than clear-cutting.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUPERTINO DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Encourages the State legislature and the Governor of California to prohibit industrial clear-cutting logging in the forests of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council, held on the 17th day of January, 2017 by the following vote:

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Members of the City Council</u>
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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Grace Schmidt, City Clerk

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Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan, City of  
Cupertino