[Supporting California State Senate Bill 807 (Stern and Gagliani) - Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 807, the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017, authored by Senators Stern and Gagliani and co-authored by Assembly Members Limón and Santiago, authorizing a credit for new teachers equal to the costs incurred by a qualified taxpayer teacher to earn a clear credential, and exemption of State income taxes for educators who have taught at least six years from passage through January 2027.

WHEREAS, Research demonstrates the most important in-school factor affecting pupil achievement is the classroom teacher; and

WHEREAS, Pupils with effective teachers are more likely to earn higher salaries, attend college, and save more for retirement and are less likely to be teenage parents; and

WHEREAS, Over 30 percent of new teachers in California leave the profession in the first five years; and

WHEREAS, According to the California State Teachers' Retirement System, teachers leave the profession at a rate six times greater than other public employees; and

WHEREAS, California schools are facing an unprecedented critical teacher shortage which is negatively impacting California students and the state's economic future; and

WHEREAS, Enrollment in teacher preparation programs has plummeted 76% statewide over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Currently, over 75% of school districts have difficulties filling positions, with low-income urban and rural areas hit hardest; and

WHEREAS, Aspiring teachers in California often report the path for completing requirements for a preliminary credential, induction, and clearing a credential is uneven and costly; and

WHEREAS, Districts pay a substantial cost to recruit, hire and train a steady stream of new teachers, with the highest-poverty districts shouldering an even greater burden because they have the highest rates of teacher turnover; and

WHEREAS, High-need schools must continually invest in recruitment efforts, professional support, and training for new teachers without reaping the benefits of many of these investments; and

WHEREAS, Today there are over 150,000 students in California being taught by temporary teachers, and the number is growing rapidly; and

WHEREAS, The number of teacher permits and waivers being sought by districts as temporary fixes to the teaching shortage has increased 270% in just 4 years and this does not include those students being taught by long-term substitutes; and

WHEREAS, California's teacher recruitment and financial aid programs were eliminated during the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, The Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017 structurally addresses the current and growing shortage of teachers in schools and districts across the state by addressing challenges of entering the field of teaching, supporting novice teachers, and incentivizing effective teachers to remain in the classroom, recognizing the significance of their contribution to the children and the people of the State of California; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports California State Senate Bill 807 (SB807) as a strategy to recruit and retain new and seasoned K-12 public school teachers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges our local delegation who represent San Francisco in the State Legislature to support SB807 - The Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017 and further urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to pass SB807; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the office of Senator Henry Stern and Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Assembly Members Monique Limón and Miguel Santiago; Senator Benjamin Allen and Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell, Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Education Committee; Senator Mike McGuire Chair of Senate Committee of Government and Finance, and Governor Jerry Brown.



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March 21, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and

Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/21/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

<u>Unsigned</u> 3/31/17

Mayor Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board 3/31/17 Date