

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1414 (Ransom) - Internet Service Provider
2 Subscriptions]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1414, Internet Service**
4 **Provider Subscriptions, authored by Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom, to protect**
5 **renter's right to choose their internet service provider.**
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7 WHEREAS, Reliable, high-speed internet is no longer a luxury, rather it is a necessity
8 for full participation in work, school, healthcare, and daily life; and
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10 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the critical importance of equitable
11 digital access, especially for low-income communities, students, elders, and working families
12 living in multi-unit housing; and

13 WHEREAS, Current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules prohibit
14 landlords from entering exclusive agreements with a single internet service provider (ISP), but
15 those federal protections are not fully enshrined in California state law like with the example of
16 bulk deals which eliminate tenant right to choose in practice; and

17 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1414 (AB 1414), authored by Assemblymember
18 Rhodesia Ransom, codifies this essential protection at the state level by ensuring that tenants
19 are not forced to subscribe to a landlord-mandated ISP, which closes a legal gap and
20 reinforcing tenants' rights to choose the provider that best meets their needs and budget; and

21 WHEREAS, AB 1414 further empowers renters by allowing them to deduct the cost of
22 any forced ISP subscription from their rent, should a landlord violate this provision; and

23 WHEREAS, AB 1414 promotes fairness, consumer choice, and digital equity while
24 aligning with existing FCC guidance and earning broad support from tenant advocates,
25 including the Consumer Federation of California; and

1 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2025, AB 1414 passed in the State Assembly on the third
2 reading with bi-partisan support and is currently in the State Senate; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California
4 Assembly Bill No. 1414, which protects renters' right to choose their own internet service
5 provider, prevents landlords from forcing tenants into costly or substandard internet plans, and
6 urges the California State Legislature to pass this bill to align state law with existing federal
7 protections and ensure digital freedom and consumer choice for all California renters; and, be
8 it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
10 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore
11 Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom, and the
12 Bill's primary sponsor, Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom.