

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 871 (Haney) - Safety in Employment: Conveyances]

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3 **Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill No. 871, authored by Assembly Member**
4 **Matt Haney, to improve safety in employment related to elevator construction by**
5 **requiring the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue permits for**
6 **the construction of all elevators, increase work standards for mechanic certification,**
7 **and enable submissions through an online portal.**

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9 WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of elevators is a critical life safety
10 function currently regulated in California by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health;
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12 WHEREAS, Existing law requires a permit prior to the erection, construction,
13 installation or material alteration of some elevators, and exempts elevators in private
14 residences from this requirement; and

15 WHEREAS, Existing law requires elevator workers to be certified as a competent
16 conveyance mechanic by among other things, having three years' work experience in the
17 conveyance industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Whether an elevator is in a public facility or private residence, it is
19 essential that it be installed and maintained in the safest manner possible; and

20 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 871 would require all elevators receive a permit from the
21 California Division of Occupational Safety and Health; and

22 WHEREAS, AB 871 would also require that an applicant to become a certified
23 competent conveyance mechanic must have at least four years' actual work experience in the
24 conveyance industry as a journey-level mechanic working without direct and immediate
25 supervision; and

1 WHEREAS, AB 871 will require the establishment of an online portal to submit
2 applications to assist applicants in timely processing; and

3 WHEREAS, AB 871 has been assigned to the Assembly Labor and Employment
4 Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rule 2.82, a copy of AB 871 is
6 submitted with his resolution and the California State Association of Counties, League of
7 California Cities have not taken a position on the bill; and

8 WHEREAS, Support of AB 871 will ensure higher quality work in the conveyance
9 industry, resulting in increased safety for both workers and Californians who take elevators;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports AB 871; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk to transmit a copy of this
13 resolution to San Francisco's legislative delegation, Senator Scott Wiener and
14 Assemblymembers Matt Haney and Phil Ting.

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