

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 666 (Chiu) - Substance Use Disorder
2 Workforce Development]

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4 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 666, which was introduced on**
5 **February 12, 2021, by Assembly Member Chiu (AD- 17), and would require the State**
6 **Department of Health Care Services to issue a workforce needs assessment report that**
7 **evaluates the current state of substance use disorder workforce.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco faced record high fatal overdoses of 699 individuals in
10 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco demand for substance abuse
12 treatment services is greater than the current capacity it can offer or staff; and

13 WHEREAS, In California, about 2.7 million residents have a substance abuse disorder
14 in the past year but only 10 percent of those in need actually received treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, There are fewer than 20,000 substance use counselors statewide; and just
16 700 doctors licensed with an addiction specialty; and

17 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 666 (AB 666) would require the
18 California State Department of Health Care Services (Department) by July 1, 2022, to issue a
19 statewide substance use disorder (SUD) workforce needs assessment report that would
20 evaluate the current state of the SUD workforce; and

21 WHEREAS, AB 666 would determine the type of barriers individuals face in seeking to
22 entry into the SUD workforce, and assess the state's systems for regulating and supporting
23 the SUD workforce; and

24 WHEREAS, AB 666 requires the Department by January 1, 2024, to take into
25 consideration the needs assessment report, to create and implement a SUD workforce
development program that supports a career ladder for the SUD workforce, and at a

1 minimum, would provide a number of program elements, including fee waivers to cover costs
2 related to testing, registration, and certification for specified individuals, and tuition
3 reimbursements for undergraduate and graduate students who complete coursework in
4 programs related to SUDs; and

5 WHEREAS, AB 666 is needed to meet this city's need for more treatment on demand
6 programs and this bill will help to address this need and potentially create a positive incentive
7 for formerly incarcerated community members, communities of color and former substance
8 abuse users to enter into higher education and professionalized training in regards to SUD
9 workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, City College's Addiction and Recovery Counseling programming has
11 helped countless individuals enter into the field of SUDs, this bill would assist in meeting a
12 statewide need; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Assembly Bill No.
14 666 would require the California State Department of Health Care Services (Department) by
15 July 1, 2022, to issue a statewide substance use disorder (SUD) workforce needs assessment
16 report that would evaluate the current state of the SUD workforce; be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports
18 Assembly Bill No. 666, the Combating the Overdose and Addiction Epidemic by Building the
19 Substance Use Disorder Workforce (CODE W) Act; be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
21 County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco's State Legislative
22 Delegation and to California Governor Gavin Newsom.

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April 27, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/27/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/7/2021

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/07/2021

Date