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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Youth Development Specialist
Youth Commission

FROM: Lisa Lew, Legislative Clerk
Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 30, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors have received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Dean Preston on March 21, 2023:

File No. 230326

Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBTQ+) youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hate and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBTQ+ protections.

If you have any additional comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: bos.legislation@sfgov.org

cc: Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Youth Commission

1 [Protection of Transgender and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Youth And Adults]

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3 **Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in**
4 **San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay,**
5 **bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults’ lives and gender expression from hate**
6 **and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+**
7 **protections.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2022, the country witnessed unprecedented levels of extremist ring-
10 wing transphobic and queerphobic rhetoric and violence across the United States; and;

11 WHEREAS, Elected officials and candidates across the nation have espoused
12 extremist rhetoric to promote their political platforms founded on hatred, intention to harm, and
13 the scapegoating of transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) people; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a vibrant hub of queer culture for local residents; a
15 destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world; and a globally
16 recognized source of inspiration for resistance, freedom, and respect for transgender and
17 LGBQ+ people; and

18 WHEREAS, The City is a sanctuary destination for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and
19 transgender individuals fleeing discrimination and violence across the United States and
20 globally; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically been the epicenter of political and
22 legislative victories promoting equality and protections for the LGBTQ+ community, including
23 the early sanctioning of same-sex marriage, the election of Harvey Milk, and an early historic
24 ban on discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual
25 orientation; and

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco is also a global epicenter for drag entertainment and culture
2 with a rich and extensive history of drag as a medium of liberation for transgender and queer
3 individuals dating back to the early twenty-first century; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically supported transgender and LGBTQ+ youth,
5 and schools have mandates to support LGBTQ+ students by preventing bullying, referring to
6 students by their gender pronouns and name, respecting students' dress and behavior
7 regardless of whether it conforms with stereotypes associated with their gender, and providing
8 access to gender-neutral restrooms; and

9 WHEREAS, The extremist rhetoric has catalyzed violent attacks and harassment of
10 LGBTQ+ spaces and drag artists by individuals exhibiting hatred towards transgender and
11 queer people, including in San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Spaces dedicated for refuge, community, and boundless gender
13 expression, as characterized by the artistry of drag, for the LGBTQ+ community are no longer
14 perceived as safe and free of violence; and

15 WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults have been targeted through
16 legislation and cruel initiatives by extremists all over the country, including Alabama, Arizona,
17 Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri,
18 Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South
19 Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and
20 Wyoming; and

21 WHEREAS, Nationwide efforts to suppress LGBTQ+ history and education, prevent
22 students from using their pronouns without fear of retaliation, and vilify drag performers
23 continue to spread nationwide; and

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1 WHEREAS, Transgender youth and adults have been especially targeted through
2 proposed bans on and restrictions on the provision, coverage, and availability of gender-
3 affirming healthcare; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has recognized the importance and
5 medical necessity of gender-affirming care for youth; and

6 WHEREAS, Transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer history intersects with the
7 history of poor, homeless, and criminalized people, as well as Black, Indigenous, and other
8 people of color, and is ultimately intimately tied with their liberation; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco-based transgender and LGBTQ+ programs and providers
10 have received hate and harassment after announcing transgender-focused programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBTQ+ students, their parents, and others have been
12 subjected to harassment in San Francisco's public spaces; and

13 WHEREAS, The increasing use of transphobic and queerphobic extremist rhetoric as a
14 political strategy demands a renewal by San Francisco leaders of the city's commitment to
15 continue to be a sanctuary for the LGBTQ+ community; and

16 WHEREAS, The connection between safety in LGBTQ+ spaces and protections for
17 trans youth and adults is undeniable and must be prioritized; and, be it therefore

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commits to protecting
19 transgender and LGBTQ youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hateful conduct;
20 and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges elected officials, schools, and youth-
22 serving institutions in San Francisco to adopt and implement policies and programs to
23 celebrate and protect transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the educational development, safety,
2 and academic inclusion of transgender youth in schools and youth-serving institutions; and,
3 be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the prompt implementation of the
5 Queer Transgender Parent Advisory Council by the San Francisco Unified School District
6 (SFUSD) to help the district create a welcoming and protective environment for its queer and
7 transgender students and families amid continued anti-queer and anti-trans sentiment around
8 the country; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on SFUSD to affirm and ensure
10 compliance with the California School Success and Opportunity Act (Assembly Bill 1266);
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes that access to gender-affirming
13 care is crucial and can be lifesaving; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board will continue to fund social programs
15 benefiting transgender adults and youth at risk of, and currently experiencing, homelessness;
16 and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns hateful anti-trans
18 attacks, both in San Francisco and beyond, as well as the growing list of anti-trans legislation
19 introduced and enacted in dozens of states across the nation; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for the protection of
21 transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults in San Francisco.

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