[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2115 (Haney) - Enhancing Methadone Treatment Access]

Resolution urging support of California State Assembly Bill No. 2115: Enhancing Methadone Treatment Access, introduced by Assembly Member Matt Haney, and urging its passage and implementation.

WHEREAS, 2023 was the deadliest year on record for overdose deaths in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Residents of San Francisco face a dire overdose crisis, with Black/African American individuals experiencing a four-fold increased rate of fatal overdose compared to their non-Hispanic white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, California is grappling with a significant public health epidemic marked by the doubling of preventable drug-related overdose deaths since 2017, with nearly 6,000 fatalities in 2021 attributed to opioid-related overdoses; and

WHEREAS, Expanding access to methadone treatment has been proven to reduce overdose mortality, enhance treatment engagement, and mitigate harm associated with drug use; and

WHEREAS, Individuals grappling with opioid use disorder (OUD) confront numerous obstacles in accessing methadone treatment, as current California law does not fully align with new federal rules; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2115 (Haney) seeks to rectify this disparity by syncing state law with federal regulations, enabling clinics to dispense 72 hours of methadone while referring individuals to methadone clinics; and

WHEREAS, With increased access to methadone treatment, the City and County of San Francisco and Department of Public Health will be more equipped to address the needs of individuals suffering from opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, In expanding access to methadone treatment, individuals struggling with opioid addiction will have greater support in managing cravings and withdrawal symptoms, thereby reducing the likelihood of relapse and associated overdose incidents; and

WHEREAS, This adjustment would foster timely and efficient referrals—especially on evenings and weekends—to longer-term treatment options available at methadone clinics, so that patients can experience smoother continuity of care, improving odds that they have access to comprehensive treatment services essential for sustained recovery; and

WHEREAS, The proposed modification addresses immediate barriers to treatment access while also laying the groundwork for improved treatment outcomes and public health outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports Assembly Bill 2115 (Haney), which increases access to methadone by aligning state law with federal rules; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State

Legislature to pass AB 2115 unamended and for Governor Gavin Newsom to sign AB 2115

into law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution upon final passage to the offices of San Francisco's State Legislative delegation, the City Lobbyist, and the Governor's Office.



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## Resolution

240379 File Number: Date Passed: April 23, 2024 Resolution urging support of California State Assembly Bill No. 2115: Enhancing Methadone Treatment Access, introduced by Assembly Member Matt Haney, and urging its passage and implementation. April 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton Excused: 1 - Melgar File No. 240379 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board Unsigned 05/03/2024 London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor 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.

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