

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1017 (Eggman) -The Keeping Survivors Housed
2 Act]

3 **Resolution urging the California State Senate to pass Senate Bill No. 1017, introduced**
4 **by Senator Susan Eggman, which will allow survivors of domestic violence and other**
5 **violent acts, who are tenants, to maintain their current housing and avoid eviction,**
6 **significantly increasing their safety and providing much-needed stability as they heal**
7 **from trauma.**

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9 WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking,
10 elder or dependent adult abuse, and other forms of crime are at increased risk of housing
11 instability; and

12 WHEREAS, An ACLU report stated that 50% of U.S. cities surveyed reported that
13 domestic violence is a primary cause of homelessness; and

14 WHEREAS, Nationally, 57% of unhoused women reported domestic violence was an
15 immediate cause of their homelessness; and

16 WHEREAS, The threat of housing insecurity causes victims to stay in abusive
17 relationships – exposing loved ones of all ages to continued violence; and

18 WHEREAS, Several gaps in current state law leave survivors at risk and unable to
19 access protections for survivors under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1161.3; and

20 WHEREAS, Survivors who lack required documentation of abuse, survivors who
21 previously shared tenancy with their abusive partner, and survivors who lose the protection
22 because the abusive partner returned to the property -even without the survivor's consent or
23 for common sense reasons such as collecting their belongings or child custody exchanges, all
24 are unable to access protections; and
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1 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
2 Supervisors in File No. 220302, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set
3 forth fully herein, will help ensure that no survivor can be evicted because of acts of abuse
4 committed against them; and

5 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will support survivors, their families,
6 and their loved ones, stay safely housed by expanding allowable documentation of the
7 violence to include documentation from a victim of violent crime advocate, or other
8 documentation that reasonably proves the victimization and is acceptable to the court; and

9 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will eliminate a loophole in current
10 law, which does not allow survivors to utilize eviction protection if the abusive person was also
11 a tenant at the property and no longer lives there; and

12 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will eliminate language in current
13 statute that invalidates protections if the survivor “allows” the abusive person to visit the
14 property, which does not reflect the research-based realities of domestic violence
15 relationships; and

16 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will revoke eviction protections only if
17 the tenant voluntarily allows the abusive person’s presence at the property and the perpetrator
18 poses a threat to the safety of another person at the property; and

19 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will revoke eviction protections only if
20 the tenant voluntarily allows the abusive person’s presence at the property and the perpetrator
21 poses a threat to the safety of another person at the property; and

22 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will provide survivors with the option
23 to remain in the unit on the same terms as the previous lease, and ensuring the survivor will
24 not be a party in the eviction case, if the court finds the landlord ended the tenancy because
25 of the abuse; and

1 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will provide survivors, household
2 members, and immediate family members who terminate their lease early a cause of action if
3 their landlord fails to comply with the law; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to
5 pass Senate Bill No. 1017, introduced by Senator Susan Eggman; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
7 Board to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Senate Appropriations
8 Committee, Senator Susan Eggman, the California State Legislature, and Governor Gavin
9 Newsom.