

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 3073 (Haney) - Wastewater Drug Testing Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 3073, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Matt Haney, to require local water agencies to collect and test**
5 **wastewater samples for drugs such as fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, and**
6 **xylazine (also known as Tranq).**

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8 WHEREAS, The increase in illicit drug use, particularly the use of fentanyl and
9 Tranq, has significantly exacerbated the overdose epidemic in California, with San
10 Francisco alone witnessing more than 750 overdose-related deaths in 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, Traditional methods of monitoring and responding to the rise in drug
12 use have proven insufficient in addressing the rapid and deadly spread of these
13 substances within communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Wastewater-based drug testing has been successfully implemented
15 in Europe for over a decade, enabling local governments to identify and respond to
16 spikes in illicit drug use at a granular, neighborhood level; and

17 WHEREAS, The same wastewater testing technology was effectively utilized
18 during the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, under the US National Wastewater
19 Surveillance System (NWSS), to provide critical community-level data; and

20 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 3073, introduced by Assembly Member Matt
21 Haney, seeks to empower the State Water Board, in collaboration with the State
22 Department of Public Health, to mandate local water agencies to collect and analyze
23 wastewater samples for drugs such as fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, and
24 xylazine at least twice weekly; and

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1 WHEREAS, The data obtained from this testing will be instrumental in enabling
2 public health departments and law enforcement agencies to accurately allocate
3 resources and implement targeted interventions to prevent drug overdoses and save
4 lives; and

5 WHEREAS, The availability of this data on the State Department of Public
6 Health’s website will enhance community awareness and preparedness regarding local
7 drug trends and emerging threats; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports California
9 State Assembly Bill No. 3073; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges its
11 swift passage and implementation as a critical step towards combating the opioid
12 epidemic and reducing drug-related fatalities in California; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this
14 Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and
15 Speaker of the State Assembly Robert Rivas.

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