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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Jessica Chizen regarding File No. 230459, which is Item No. 31 on this afternoon's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

File No. 230459 - Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week

Sincerely,

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Hello,

My name is Jessica Chizen, and I am a speech-language pathologist in San Francisco who cares immensely about people who stutter. My job is to help children who stutter, and their families, better understand stuttering, create more ease in communication, and educate others in their community about what it means to stutter. It is not my job as a speech therapist to "make stuttering go away." That is old news and no longer my priority. Instead, today I have the privilege of working with smart, courageous children and teens who stutter and help inspire overall communication confidence in a world where people who stutter are not always treated equally.

It is one small step that San Francisco declared Stuttering Awareness Week last year, and I ask the State of California to follow suit and do the right thing. We must show our communities that

stuttering matters. Communication matters. Communication *confidence* matters.

Thank you,

Jessica Chizen

