

1 [Urging Support for California State Senate Bill No. 436 (Wahab) - “Keeping Californians  
2 Housed Act”]

3 **Resolution urging State officials to support California State Senate Bill No. 436**  
4 **(Wahab), the “Keeping Californians Housed Act,” which seeks to prevent displacement**  
5 **by extending the notice period for renters to pay or vacate from three days to 14 days,**  
6 **bringing California in line with other states.**

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8 WHEREAS, Approximately 65% of Californians are considered rent-burdened, paying  
9 more than 30% of their income on rent; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Californians are one late or missed paycheck, housing voucher, or  
11 fixed-income payment away from eviction and homelessness; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent federal policies on immigration and cuts to critical federal welfare  
13 programs have strained working-class San Franciscans’ ability to pay rent; and

14 WHEREAS, Most California tenants only have three days after a “pay or quit” notice is  
15 issued to pay missed rent before the eviction process begins, one of the shortest in the nation;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Federally subsidized housing programs generally require landlords to give  
18 tenants at least 30 days’ notice before terminating a tenancy for nonpayment of rent — a  
19 protection now under federal threat — underscoring how extreme California’s three-day “pay  
20 or quit” timeline is for unsubsidized tenants; and

21 WHEREAS, A report from Stanford Law School shows that many California tenants  
22 who receive rental assistance or have the ability to pay missed rent are nonetheless being  
23 evicted, often over trivial amounts of money or due to bureaucratic delays of their rental  
24 assistance; and

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1           WHEREAS, Rent relief programs that dedicate public dollars to homelessness  
2 prevention are effectively maximized by policies that allow recipients to pay past due rent to  
3 stay housed and landlords to receive the funds; and

4           WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 436 (Wahab), the “Keeping Californians  
5 Housed Act”, would extend the notice period for tenants from three to fourteen business days  
6 in California; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 hereby urges State representatives to support California State Senate Bill No. 436 (Wahab),  
9 the “Keeping Californians Housed Act”; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this  
11 Resolution to Assembly Member Matt Haney, Assembly Member Catherine Stefani, State  
12 Senator Scott Weiner, State Senator Aisha Wahab, and the City’s State Lobbyists.