

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 37 (Berman) - Vote by Mail Ballots]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 37 introduced by Assembly**  
4 **Member Marc Berman that would extend the requirements to mail a ballot to every**  
5 **registered voter for all elections and apply them to all municipal elections and require a**  
6 **vote by mail tracking system to be accessible to voters with disabilities.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Coronavirus (COVID-19) forced Mayor London N. Breed to issue the  
9 City and County of San Francisco’s first public health order requiring residents to shelter-in-  
10 place on March 16, 2020, while local health officials sought methods to control and eliminate  
11 the virus’ deadly impact to San Francisco’s residents; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay at home order to protect the health  
13 and well-being of all California residents on March 19, 2020, and provide a statewide unified  
14 response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

15 WHEREAS, On May 8, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order to send  
16 every registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election  
17 because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco received record number of returned  
19 ballots and voter turnout for the November 3, 2020, general election that accounted for more  
20 than 2/3 of the County’s registered voters voting largely by mail-in ballots; and

21 WHEREAS, A supermajority of legislators in the California Assembly and Senate  
22 recently supported and successfully passed Senate Bill No. 29 (SB 29) that continues the  
23 state’s universal vote-by-mail system until the end of 2021; and

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1           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 37 (AB 37) would permanently extend the State’s  
2 universal vote-by-mail system by extending the requirements to mail a ballot to every  
3 registered voter to all elections and apply them to all municipal elections; and

4           WHEREAS, AB 37 would also require a vote by mail tracking system to be accessible  
5 to voters with disabilities; and

6           WHEREAS, AB 37 would provide vote by mail ballot are deemed timely if cast on or  
7 before election day and, if returned by mail, received no later than 7 days after Election Day;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Board  
10 of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill No. 37 which would permanently extend the  
11 requirements to mail a ballot to every registered voter to all elections and apply them to all  
12 municipal elections; and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
14 County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco’s State Legislative  
15 Delegation and to California Governor Gavin Newsom.

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