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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan California State Assembly Member California State Capitol, Room 2130 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0016

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 263-21

Dear Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan:

On May 25, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 263-21 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 988 (Bauer-Kahan) - The Miles Hall Lifeline Suicide Prevention Act), which was enacted on June 4, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

One copy of Resolution No. 263-21 (File No. 210573)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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c. Members of the Board of Supervisor, Supervisors Matt Haney, Shamann Walton, Hillary Ronen, Dean Preston Rafael Mandelman, Ahsha Safai

Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors

Eddie McCaffrey, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs

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Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.

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3	Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 988, The Miles Hall Lifeline
4	and Suicide Prevention Act, introduced by Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
5	(AD-16), which would establish a suicide and mental health crisis hotline.
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7	WHEREAS, The number of adults experiencing mental illness nationally has increased
8	by 35% over the last two decades and the issue has been exacerbated by the COVID-19
9	pandemic; and
10	WHEREAS, In 2018, there were an estimated 1.4 million suicide attempts and more
11	than 48,000 deaths by suicide; and
12	WHEREAS, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults and the second
13	leading cause of death among young people; and
14	WHEREAS, California is facing a dire mental health crisis, in which one in six
15	Californians now live with a mental health diagnosis; and
16	WHEREAS, One-third of unhoused individuals in the United States face serious menta
17	health issues; and
18	WHEREAS, According to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's
19	2019 Report, 74 percent of unhoused individuals in San Francisco report living with one or
20	more health conditions; and
21	WHEREAS, 42 percent of unhoused people in San Francisco report substance use
22	issues, 39 percent psychiatric or emotional conditions, and 31 percent experiencing chronic
23	health problems; and
24	WHEREAS, Those facing mental health issues are more likely to be arrested, with a
25	lifetime risk of arrest falling between 63 to 90 percent; and

1	WHEREAS, 10 percent of all law enforcement agencies' budgets and 20 percent of
2	staff time is spent responding to individuals experiencing mental illness; and
3	WHEREAS, Since 2015, mental illness has played a role in 25 percent of all fatal
4	police-involved shootings, with Black men experiencing mental illness being disproportionatel
5	impacted; and
6	WHEREAS, In 2019, Miles Hall a 23-year-old African American man living in Walnut
7	Creek experienced a schizophrenic mental health crisis and the only source of help available
8	was 911; and
9	WHEREAS, Despite familiarization with Miles' condition, officers resorted to utilizing
10	lethal force within a minute of their arrival on scene; and
11	WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 988 (AB 988), The Miles Hall Lifeline
12	and Suicide Prevention Act, would establish a Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Hotline in
13	California so that all people experiencing a mental health crisis are able to receive an
14	appropriate, non-police response that would provide access to life-saving care; and
15	WHEREAS, AB 988 would: (1) provide 24/7 access to crisis counseling through call,
16	text, and chat; (2) deploy mobile crisis teams when appropriate; and (3) would expand access
17	to stabilization services after a mental health crisis; and
18	WHEREAS, AB 988 has already been endorsed by the County of Contra Costa, the
19	County of Los Angeles, and the cities of Concord, Davis, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore,
20	Oakley, Pleasanton, Sand Diego, San Pablo, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek as well as the
21	California Democratic Party; now, therefore, be it
22	RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports California State
23	Assembly Bill No. 988, The Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act; and, be it
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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
2	to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Office of Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahar
3	(AD-16).
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Resolution

210573 Date Passed: May 25, 2021 File Number: Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 988, The Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act, introduced by Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (AD-16), which would establish a suicide and mental health crisis hotline. May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton File No. 210573 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/25/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board Unsigned 6/4/21 London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2. 06/04/2021

Clerk of the Board

Date