

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 690 (Rubio) - The Phoenix Act 2.0]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 690, introduced by Senator**  
4 **Susan Rubio, to extend the statute of limitations for prosecution of domestic violence**  
5 **from five years to 15 years.**

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7 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a severe and pervasive issue that affects  
8 countless individuals and families, causing long-lasting physical, emotional, and  
9 psychological harm; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite often occurring behind closed doors, domestic violence is all  
11 too common for Californians with 34.9% of women and 31.1% of men experiencing intimate  
12 partner violence or stalking in their lifetime (NCBI); and

13 WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that between 2016 and 2018, domestic violence  
14 cases increased by more than 42% in California, while about half of all domestic violence  
15 cases continue to go unreported (NCBI); and

16 WHEREAS, In 2022, there were more than 162,000 domestic violence calls to law  
17 enforcement in California; and

18 WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence often face significant barriers in reporting  
19 their abuse, including fear of retaliation, trauma, financial dependency, and social stigma,  
20 which can delay their ability to come forward; and

21 WHEREAS, Research indicates that the recovery process for survivors of domestic  
22 violence is prolonged, often taking several years for victims to heal sufficiently to report  
23 their abuse; and

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1           WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health, the trauma from domestic  
2 violence can have lasting effects, with many survivors needing extensive time to overcome  
3 their fear and emotional scars to seek justice and support (NCBI); and

4           WHEREAS, Current statute of limitations laws in California may prevent justice from  
5 being served in many cases of domestic violence, as the current five-year limitation is  
6 insufficient for many survivors to come forward; and

7           WHEREAS, SB 690, proposed by Senator Rubio, seeks to extend the statute of  
8 limitations for prosecuting domestic violence from five years to 15 years, providing  
9 survivors with a more realistic and supportive timeframe to report their abuse and seek  
10 legal recourse; and

11           WHEREAS, Extending the statute of limitations would align legal timelines with the  
12 reality of survivors' recovery processes, thereby enhancing the chances of holding  
13 perpetrators accountable and delivering justice to more victims; and

14           WHEREAS, The fiscal implications of this bill, including increased costs for court  
15 proceedings and potential incarceration, are justified by the anticipated increase in justice  
16 served and the societal benefits of addressing domestic violence more effectively; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
19 supports California State Senate Bill No. 690; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution  
21 to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State  
22 Assembly Robert Rivas, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember Matt Haney,  
23 Assemblymember Phil Ting, and Senator Susan Rubio.