

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 85 (Wiener) - the California Extended Case  
2 Management Act (CECM)]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 85, the California Extended Case**  
4 **Management Act (CECM), authored by Senator Scott Wiener, to extend case**  
5 **management services to refugees and asylees.**

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7 WHEREAS, California is home to 34% of all those granted asylum in the U.S. each  
8 year, with the number growing by the thousands each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Refugees and asylees often face unique challenges from living in a conflict  
10 zone and need assistance in accessing the care needed to heal and reach their full potential  
11 in their new communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal law grants refugees and asylees 90 days of case management  
13 which is often not enough time for our new neighbors to settle into a successful life in the  
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Extending the Enhanced Services for Asylees and Vulnerable Noncitizens  
16 (ESAVN) program to cover an additional 90 days of case management, for a total of 180  
17 days, will create greater opportunity to access the resources available in our City and in our  
18 state including Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and Covered California; and

19 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 85 has gained support from many immigrant-serving  
20 groups across the state, including the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), the  
21 California Welcomes Coalition, the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California (JPAC), and  
22 HIAS (originally the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society); now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California  
24 Senate Bill No. 85 and urges the California State Legislature to pass this bill to invest in the  
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1 refugees and asylees in our communities and ensure that they may settle successfully in their  
2 new home; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
4 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore  
5 Toni Atkins, California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, California Human Services  
6 Committee Chair, Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, and the bill's primary sponsor Senator Scott  
7 Wiener, and Governor Gavin Newsom.

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