

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 686 (Allen) - California Promise Neighborhoods
2 Act of 2019]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 686, authored by Senator Ben**
4 **Allen, which would enact the California Promise Neighborhoods Act of 2019.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 2012, the City of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District
7 and the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) joined efforts with more than 20
8 citywide and youth-serving community partners to launch Mission Promise Neighborhood
9 (MPN) as an urgent response to bridge family economic security with student academic
10 achievement in the Latino community; and

11 WHEREAS, MPN is a community effort based at nine San Francisco Unified School
12 District schools and three family resource centers that connects thousands of families to
13 services for infants, children and adults in the Mission District of San Francisco, including child
14 care, preschool, health care, housing, tax preparation, immigration assistance, financial
15 coaching, job training and more; and

16 WHEREAS, In its seventh year of implementation and in alignment with citywide
17 strategic goals, MPN has seen impressive outcomes for children and youth, such as
18 increased graduation rates, significant gains in kindergarten-readiness, and improved service-
19 delivery and accountability through data-sharing agreements and a shared referral database;
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21 WHEREAS, These outcomes are even more impressive considering the extreme
22 pressures Mission Promise Neighborhood families are experiencing, including unprecedented
23 levels of housing displacement and growing income inequality, coupled with a national
24 political climate translating to an assault on their community; and

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1 WHEREAS, California currently has five Promise Neighborhoods, including MPN in
2 San Francisco, YPI in Los Angeles, Chula Vista/San Diego Promise, Hayward Promise, and
3 Corning Promise, each achieving impressive academic outcomes; and

4 WHEREAS, Promise Neighborhoods are community-based provider networks with a
5 common agenda, shared measurement systems, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous
6 communication, and a backbone organization, leading to cradle-to-college-to-career
7 wraparound supports and communities of opportunity for children and families; and

8 WHEREAS, Promise Neighborhoods are highly effective because they are collective
9 impact initiatives that are results and data-driven, place-based, community-powered and
10 equity-focused; and

11 WHEREAS, Federal funding for existing Promise Neighborhoods is not assured, and
12 more Promise Neighborhoods are needed throughout the state because all children -
13 regardless of their family’s socioeconomic status - deserve access to coordinated academic,
14 health, social, and other support services that will prepare them to succeed in college and
15 career and contribute to the wealth of our state and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Ben Allen (D-Los Angeles) introduced Senate Bill No. 686 (SB
17 686), the California Promise Neighborhoods Act of 2019, that would ensure the continued
18 funding of California’s existing Promise Neighborhoods, including San Francisco’s Mission
19 Promise Neighborhood, and expand this successful model to more neighborhoods in our
20 state; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 joins with other local jurisdictions and a growing statewide coalition of education, social justice
23 and equity advocates in supporting SB 686; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State
3 Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

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