

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill Nos. 929, 965, 970, 1035, 1154, 1227, 1238, and
2 1416 (Eggman) - Legislation Modernizing California's Behavioral Health Continuum]

3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass California State Senate Bill**
4 **Nos. 929, 965, 970, 1035, 1154, 1227, 1238, and 1416, introduced by California Senator**
5 **Susan Eggman, on legislation modernizing California’s Behavioral Health Continuum.**
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7 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill Nos. (SB) 929, SB 965, SB 970, SB 1034, SB
8 1154, SB 1227, SB 1238, and SB 1416 constitute a package of bills introduced by Senator
9 Susan Eggman to improve California’s behavioral health system across the continuum,
10 through prevention and early intervention, community supports and services, intersystem
11 collaboration, improving access to assisted outpatient treatment, providing increased
12 accountability through outcome tracking, preventing avoidable conservatorships, and
13 improving the effectiveness of our conservatorship process for those that need them; and

14 WHEREAS, Passage of these bills would represent a significant overhaul of
15 California’s response to the behavioral health needs of individuals suffering from severe
16 mental illness; and

17 WHEREAS, The changes incorporated into Senator Eggman’s legislation are
18 necessary and overdue; and

19 WHEREAS, The effects of California’s failure to provide adequate mental health care is
20 reflected in the fact that 81% of the unhoused, unsheltered people living on San Francisco’s
21 streets suffer from some sort of psychiatric condition, addiction, or both, and our local
22 psychiatric emergency services have been on condition-red since May 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, SB 929 would require the State to collect data on the number of people
24 placed on temporary psychiatric holds, clinic outcomes for individuals placed in each type of
25 hold, and services provided in each category; and

1 WHEREAS, SB 965 would ensure that the court considers the contents of reports filed
2 at the conclusion of conservatorship investigations and that, during conservatorship
3 proceedings, relevant testimony may be considered, provided it falls under a hearsay
4 exemption; and

5 WHEREAS, SB 970 would amend the Mental Health Services Act to establish a clear
6 guide of measurable outcomes that counties can use to identify goals and create mechanisms
7 for counties to track and report on their performance, followed by promulgation of self-
8 improvement plans and regular progress updates; and

9 WHEREAS, SB 1035 would explicitly allow courts to order medication as part of a
10 treatment plan, an essential tool that allows individuals to safely remain in their communities
11 and manage their mental illness; and

12 WHEREAS, SB 1154 would establish a real-time online dashboard to collect,
13 aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis
14 stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential
15 community mental health facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, SB 1227 would provide additional flexibility for counties in treating
17 individuals placed on 14-day psychiatric holds by allowing a second 30-day extension for
18 patients who do not stabilize after an additional 14-day hold and 30-day extension; and

19 WHEREAS, SB 1238 would require the Department of Health Care Services to
20 determine existing and projected needs for behavioral health services on a regional basis, and
21 would require councils of local governments to provide data on total bed capacity, total
22 utilization, and unmet need in a variety of categories; and

23 WHEREAS, SB 1416 would modernize the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act by defining
24 those who, as a result of a mental health disorder, are unable to provide for their basic needs
25 of personal or medical care or self protection and safety, as “gravely disabled;” and

1 WHEREAS, This package of legislation is endorsed by the Big City Mayors coalition,
2 representing the 13 largest cities and roughly 11 million residents in California; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California Senate Bill Nos. 929,
5 965, 970, 1035, 1154, 1227, 1238, and 1416; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
7 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's state legislative delegation, and
8 the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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