

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1505 (Rodriguez) - \$250,000,000 Seismic
2 Retrofitting Program for Soft Story Multifamily Housing]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1505, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez, maintaining \$250,000,000 in funding for a state**
5 **Seismic Retrofitting Program for Soft Story Multifamily Housing in California.**
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7 WHEREAS, On February 6, 2023, in Turkey, two major earthquakes left over 50,000
8 people dead and collapsed or damaged more than 160,000 buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, The aftermath of this tragedy is likely to reveal that many of the collapsed
10 buildings suffered from the same vulnerabilities as certain older building types in California—
11 such as soft-story buildings; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors, under the
13 leadership of Mayor Edwin M. Lee, passed in 2013 a mandatory soft story Ordinance for
14 certain multi-family housing of more than 5-units that today has 90% of all buildings in the
15 program in compliance; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the 2010 CAPSS report, 34% of the city's residential housing
17 stock is 3-4 unit wood-frame residences and the CAPSS report mentions "a mandatory
18 program addressing these [3-4 unit wood-frame] buildings should begin as soon as progress
19 on seismic upgrades to the five unit buildings progresses to the point that the program can be
20 expanded, about five years from the present;" and

21 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1505 (AB 1505) (Rodriguez) would
22 ensure the Seismic Retrofitting Program for Soft Story Multifamily Housing is funded in this
23 year's State Budget after it was proposed to be cut due to the state's budget deficit; this bill
24 would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute; and
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1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco could now use a portion of the
2 \$250,000,000 funds to help create a retrofit program for the 6,000 wood-framed buildings with
3 less than 5-units, many of which have a soft story; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 supports AB 1505, setting aside \$250,000,000 for a statewide soft-story program; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a copy of this Resolution to
8 Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez and to Assembly Members Matt Haney and Phil Ting
9 and Senator Scott Wiener.