

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill No. 729 (Menjivar) - Treatment for Infertility and Fertility
2 Services]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 729, authored by State Senator**
4 **Caroline Menjivar, to expand health insurance coverage to include treatments for**
5 **infertility and fertility services.**

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7 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, infertility is
8 defined as not being able to get pregnant or conceive after one year or longer, and is a
9 common problem that affects one in five people between the ages 15 to 49 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, Infertility is prevalent in all genders of reproductive age; and

11 WHEREAS, Infertility may be caused by many medical conditions including
12 endometriosis, environmental factors as well as cancer treatments; and

13 WHEREAS, Treatments for infertility and fertility services including in vitro fertilization
14 (IVF) are currently not required to be covered by insurance companies in California; and

15 WHEREAS, The cost to treat infertility and fertility services are often very expensive
16 and out of reach particularly for Black and Latinx intended parents; and

17 WHEREAS, Fertility treatments such as in vitro fertilization can cost up to \$20,000 for
18 one cycle, including medication, a price that many intended parents cannot afford if they wish
19 to build or expand their family; and

20 WHEREAS, California currently requires that health insurers offer infertility treatment
21 coverage but it is dependent on employers if they want to include it and often times only
22 diagnostic testing for infertility is provided; and

23 WHEREAS, Existing California law also does not require health insurance to cover
24 infertility treatments or fertility services for LGBTQ+ individuals; and

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1 WHEREAS, Currently, only those with the financial means can pay for these costly out-
2 of-pocket expenses for infertility treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, Infertility is often a silent struggle and patients who are struggling to
4 conceive report feelings of depression, anxiety, isolation, and loss of control; and

5 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 729 (SB 729), authored by State Senator Caroline
6 Menjivar, will expand commercial and CalPERS health insurance plans to include coverage
7 for diagnosing and treating infertility, including fertility services such as IVF so that people can
8 expand their families without the fear of costs; and

9 WHEREAS, SB 729 will make access to fertility treatments more equitable for working
10 class and LGBTQ+ families and help destigmatize infertility struggles; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California
12 Senate Bill No. 729, and urges the California State Legislature to pass this bill to expand
13 health insurance coverage to include treatments for infertility and fertility services; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
15 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California State Assembly and the California
16 State Senate as well as the Bill's primary sponsor, State Senator Caroline Menjivar.

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