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1 [Urging the Commissioners of Men's Sports to Publicly Support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and  
2 Transgender Athletes]

3 **Resolution requesting the Commissioners of professional men's sports to take part in**  
4 **the Last Closet Campaign, by going on record in a public interview in support of**  
5 **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender athletes and to commit to setting up**  
6 **support systems and safeguards that allow athletes to be openly out and participate in**  
7 **sports without worry of discrimination or retaliation.**

8  
9 WHEREAS, Over the years, the City and County of San Francisco have taken great  
10 pride in fielding two championship teams, the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco  
11 49ers, both have electrified and united our city; and

12 WHEREAS, All genders, all races, all classes, celebrate our teams' accomplishments  
13 as shared victories, and still, gay professional athletes feel the need to remain closeted; and

14 WHEREAS, The New York Times' Frank Bruni wrote, on September 22, 2012, "Not  
15 Once, has an active male player in any of the four major professional sports leagues in  
16 America publicly acknowledged being gay;" and

17 WHEREAS, We recognize, as does the U.S military, the need to openly address  
18 prejudice, instead of assuming it does not exist; and

19 WHEREAS, Our San Francisco Giants, in June of 2011, became the first major sports  
20 franchise to record a video featuring Barry Zito, Matt Cain, Sergio Romo, Andres Torres, and  
21 Hensley Meulen for the "It Gets Better Project" an online campaign aimed at curbing suicides  
22 among LGBT youth; and

23 WHEREAS, Bias-based harassment is complicit in the disturbing statistics related  
24 to LGBT youth taking their own lives; and

25 WHEREAS, Our LGBT youth need LGBT sports

1 heroes; and

2 WHEREAS, With this in mind, the Last Closet Project campaign leadership,  
3 under the auspices of the nonprofit organization Woman Vision, is seeking interviews  
4 with all of the major league sports Commissioners for the purpose filming a statement of  
5 affirmation for LGBT athletes; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
7 Francisco respectfully requests that you, the Commissioners of Baseball, Football, Basketball,  
8 Hockey, and Soccer use the authority of your office to sanction players who have engaged in  
9 specific incidents of slurs and intolerance toward homophobia; be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request that you state, in a public interview, that you  
11 support your LGBT players, that you invite them to come out and, once they are out, that you  
12 pledge to make them feel safe and accepted; be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That there is no better place or time to affirm your  
14 support of LGBT athletes than here in San Francisco during the 2012 World Series  
15 celebrations. We are united in our belief that all of us are needed to make our city and our  
16 team successful, and we are willing to say it loud and proud; be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Last Closet website and mission statement can be  
18 viewed at [www.thelastcloset.org](http://www.thelastcloset.org) and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all the  
19 Commissioners of Sports listed above and on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
20 File No. 121076 which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully  
21 herein.

# THE LAST CLOSET

A CAMPAIGN TO  
END HOMOPHOBIA  
IN MEN'S PRO SPORTS.

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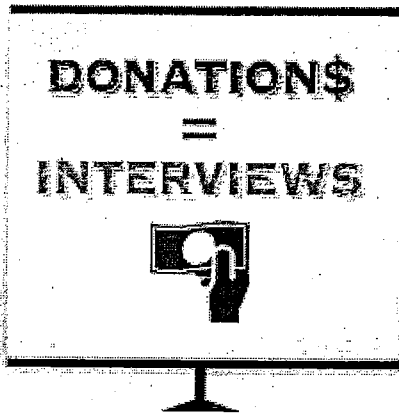
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OF THE 979 RANDOMLY SURVEYED  
AMERICANS AGREED THAT IT IS


**"OK FOR GAY  
ATHLETES**

TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS, EVEN IF THEY  
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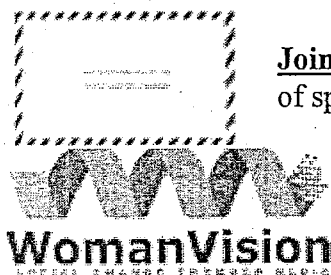
## our mission

The Last Closet campaign is:



- Committed to establishing the connection between positive gay role models and the reduction of gay teen suicide and bullying incidents.

- A grassroots movement and campaign to end the prevailing silence around homophobia in pro sports and to encourage professional athletes, commissioners, team owners and other members of the sports world to consent to in-depth interviews about this subject. These interviews reveal what the current climate would be for a publicly out pro athlete (and what kind of support systems could/should be put in place).
- A campaign that seeks to interact with online communities about the issue of homophobia in sports, and more specifically, discuss the possibility of an openly gay athlete in each of the five major sports coming out publicly while actively playing: football, baseball, basketball, soccer, or hockey.
- A tool to educate viewers about homophobia in professional sports, past and present.
- A resource providing in-depth video interviews with pivotal sports figures speaking about homophobia in sports.



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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee:
- An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee:
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor  inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
- 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.
- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
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**Sponsor(s):**

Olague, Campos, Mar

**Subject:**

Urging the Commissioners of Men's Sports to Publically Support LGBT Athletes

**The text is listed below or attached:**

Resolution urging the Commissioners of professional men's sports to take part in the Last Closet Campaign, by going on record in a public interview in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) athletes and to commit to setting up support systems and safeguards that allow athletes to be openly out and participate in sports without worry of discrimination or retaliation.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Christina Olague

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