

[Supporting Assembly Bill 1028]

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2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 1028 (“AB
3 1028”) WHICH WOULD AMEND THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT (“LPS Act”).

4 **WHEREAS**, The LPS Act currently provides for the detention and involuntary treatment
5 of the severely mentally ill once they are an immediate danger to themselves or others or become
6 gravely disabled; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, The LPS Act was designed to provide more mental health services in the
8 community rather than in state mental hospitals where people were institutionalized for very long
9 periods of time; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, The LPS Act was intended to provide due process to protect the civil rights
11 of the mentally ill; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, The LPS Act needs to be amended because the mentally ill are not being
13 treated in a timely manner prior to entering the criminal justice system—the LPS law provides
14 for legal intervention only after someone is so sick they cannot function at all or they pose an
15 immediate danger to others; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, The lack of treating the mentally ill in a timely manner causes them to
17 deteriorate on the streets, in public shelters, or in their homes; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, AB 1028 will improve the LPS law by making it an effective tool to
19 provide earlier access to a fully funded assisted outpatient treatment program in the community
20 as originally envisioned 30 years ago; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, AB 1028 will create a voluntary 6-month contractual outpatient program
22 option for those who qualify and would prefer a structured and supervised outpatient treatment
23 program to treatment in a locked facility; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, AB 1028 more aptly defines the term gravely disabled so that it allows the
25 person’s medical history to be considered so that more severely mentally ill people can access
26 these services; and,

27 **WHEREAS**, AB 1028 will provide \$350 million to fund the community outreach and
28 aftercare services necessary to support the program; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, AB 1028 would streamline the hearing process by combining in one
2 hearing the determinations for the need for commitment and the capacity to consent or refuse
3 treatment, while still maintaining the requirement that a determination of lack of capacity to
4 make treatment decisions be made prior to involuntary treatment; now, therefore be it

5 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 urges the California State Assembly to pass AB 1028 which would amend the LPS act.
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Resolution

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Resolution urging the California Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 1028 which would amend the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS Act) relating to mental health services.

January 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

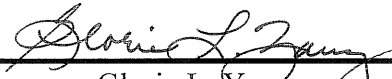
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Brown

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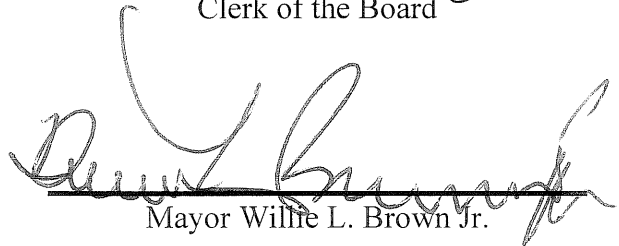
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.