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Board Item No. 76

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Date: July 18, 2025

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Recognizing the  
2 Work of Disability Rights Leaders]

3 **Resolution celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the**  
4 **work of disability rights leaders and the San Francisco Office on Disability and**  
5 **Accessibility, and the opening of the San Francisco Disability Cultural Center.**  
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7 WHEREAS, July 26, 2025, marks the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Americans  
8 with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against  
9 individuals with disabilities and guarantees equal access to public life; and

10 WHEREAS, The ADA has transformed the social and physical landscape of the United  
11 States (U.S.), promoting independence, equity, and inclusion for over 61 million Americans  
12 with disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a proud and rich history of being a welcoming and  
14 inclusive city for all, championing civil rights, disability rights, and social justice movements,  
15 including the historic Section 504 Sit-In of 1977 at the San Francisco Federal Building by a  
16 group of people with disabilities and their allies—the longest nonviolent occupation of a  
17 federal building in U.S. history—which galvanized the national disability rights movement and  
18 led to the implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is celebrating the grand opening of  
20 the San Francisco Disability Cultural Center on July 17, 2025, the nation's first municipally  
21 funded disability center and a first-of-its-kind space dedicated to honoring the artistic, cultural,  
22 and civic contributions of the disability community; and

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Office on Disability and Accessibility (ODA), formerly  
24 the Mayor's Office on Disability, has been instrumental in leading citywide efforts to ensure  
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1 access to infrastructure, services, digital spaces, and civic engagement for residents and  
2 visitors with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, ODA has joined the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS), a  
4 move that will allow both organizations to combine their expertise and support greater  
5 alignment in working towards an inclusive City that is accessible for people with disabilities;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco disability rights community continues to be inspired by  
8 the visionary leadership and pioneering work of women and feminists with disabilities,  
9 including groundbreaking advocates such as the late Judith ("Judy") Heumann, Debby  
10 Kaplan, Alice Wong, Sascha Bittner, the late Patty Berne, and many others whose efforts  
11 have expanded opportunity, equity, and justice across generations; and

12 WHEREAS, Judy Heumann, a tireless advocate who is often called the mother of the  
13 disability rights movement, was instrumental in founding key organizations such as Disabled  
14 In Action and the World Institute on Disability, led the historic 504 Sit-In to secure rights under  
15 the Rehabilitation Act, served as Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and  
16 Rehabilitative Services under President Clinton, and throughout her life championed global  
17 disability rights initiatives that helped pave the way for the ADA and the United Nations (UN)  
18 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Debby Kaplan, a pioneering disability rights attorney and activist, co-  
20 founded the Disabled Women's Coalition at University of California (UC) Berkeley, founded  
21 the Disability Rights Center with Ralph Nader, served as an attorney for the Disability Rights  
22 Education and Defense Fund (DREDF), and led the World Institute on Disability, and now  
23 serves as Deputy Director of ODA, overseeing programmatic accessibility compliance,  
24 effective communication, and digital access; and

1 WHEREAS, Alice Wong, a prominent disability rights activist, writer, and community  
2 organizer based in San Francisco, is the founder and director of the Disability Visibility  
3 Project, an online community fostering and sharing disability media and culture; served on the  
4 National Council on Disability from 2013 to 2015; made history in 2015 by attending a White  
5 House event via telepresence robot; and continues to amplify disabled voices and advance  
6 disability justice through her writing, public speaking, and activism, including publishing  
7 "Disability Intimacy", "Disability Visibility", and "Year of the Tiger: An Activist's Life"; and

8 WHEREAS, Sascha Bittner, nationally recognized disability rights leader, whose  
9 decades of advocacy have advanced accessible transportation, housing, and home- and  
10 community-based care; through her work with Senior and Disability Action, Hand in Hand, and  
11 the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Consumer Alliance, and in her role as a Commissioner  
12 on the San Francisco Disability and Aging Services Commission, has championed equity,  
13 independence, and dignity for people with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Patty Berne, co-founder and Executive Director of Sins Invalid, was a  
15 visionary leader in the disability justice movement, whose work amplified the voices of  
16 disabled artists of color and queer and gender non-conforming people with disabilities, and  
17 who helped to define disability justice as a cultural and political framework centering  
18 intersectionality, access, and collective liberation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and  
20 celebrates the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors celebrates the opening of the  
22 San Francisco Disability Cultural Center as a landmark achievement in promoting disability  
23 arts, culture, and civic engagement; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends the  
2 work of the San Francisco Office on Disability and Accessibility for its continued leadership in  
3 advancing equity, access, and inclusion across the City; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors expresses its deepest  
5 appreciation to the many women and feminist leaders with disabilities, including the late Judy  
6 Heumann, the late Patty Berne, Debby Kaplan, Alice Wong, Sascha Bittner, and countless  
7 others who have fought tirelessly to ensure the full and equal participation of people with  
8 disabilities in all aspects of life.

## Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission    ☐ Youth Commission    ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission    ☐ Building Inspection Commission    ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes    ☒ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Mandelman; Chen, Engardio, Melgar, Mahmood, Walton, Fielder, Dorsey, Sherrill, Chan, Sauter

Subject:

[Resolution Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Recognizing the Work of Disability Rights Leaders in San Francisco]

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Work of Disability Rights Leaders and the San Francisco Office on Disability and Accessibility, and the Opening of the San Francisco Disability Cultural Center.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

