

1 [Urging Arizona Governor Jan Brewer to Veto Arizona Senate Bill 1062]

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3 **Resolution denouncing Arizona Senate Bill (SB) 1062, a law that permits discrimination**
4 **against the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community under the guise of**
5 **religion, urging Governor Jan Brewer to veto SB1062, expanding the boycott of the**
6 **State of Arizona and Arizona-based businesses if SB1062 is passed, and endorsing the**
7 **City Attorney's offer to cooperate in a lawsuit challenging SB1062.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Arizona legislature passed SB1062, which allows businesses the right
10 to refuse services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals under the
11 guise of religious freedom; and

12 WHEREAS, SB1062 will become law if Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signs the bill or
13 fails to act before February 28, 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, The broad language in SB1062 provides a "license to discriminate" as it
15 allows any individual, corporation, institution, or business owner the right to refuse service to
16 an individual if the owner believes doing so would violate the practice and observance of his
17 or her religion; and

18 WHEREAS, Similar laws have been struck down as discriminatory in other states,
19 including New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors respects the freedom of religion, but this
21 freedom cannot be used as an excuse for individuals to treat certain residents or visitors,
22 based upon identity or sexual orientation, as inferior and less deserving of services and
23 accommodations than others; and

24 WHEREAS, SB1062 is dangerous because it allows individuals the unfettered ability to
25 act upon personal homophobia, so long as they claim offense to their religious beliefs; and,

1 WHEREAS, Enacting SB1062 sends a clear message that Arizona is an intolerant and
2 unwelcoming place for LGBT persons; and

3 WHEREAS, Civil rights leaders, elected officials, businesses, the tourism industry, faith
4 leaders, and individuals across the country are repudiating SB1062 and urging Governor
5 Brewer to veto SB1062 as it is bad public policy and economically detrimental to the state;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Arizona Senators Bob Worsley and Steve Pierce with Arizona Senate
8 Majority Whip Adam Driggs, three Republicans who voted for the bill, sent a letter to Governor
9 Brewer stating they regretted their votes and now urge her to veto the legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton warned that SB1062 would revive the
11 impression that Arizona is intolerant, damaging the state's economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Senators Jeff Flake and John McCain and Representative Kyrsten Sinema
13 representing the State of Arizona in the United States Congress have urged Governor Brewer
14 veto SB1062; and

15 WHEREAS, The Arizona Cardinals, Arizona's only National Football League (NFL)
16 team, has spoken out against SB1062 stating that it does not support anything that has the
17 potential to divide, exclude and discriminate; and

18 WHEREAS, The Super Bowl Host Committee for Super Bowl XLIX, has stated that it
19 does not support SB1062 citing that it shares the NFL's core values which embrace tolerance,
20 diversity, inclusiveness and prohibit discrimination against all people, including LGBT
21 individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, With the potential for SB1062 to become law, Arizona has once again
23 chosen to isolate itself from the rest of the nation as it did four years ago when it passed
24 SB1070, which turned Arizona's law enforcement officers into immigration enforcement
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1 officials, in essence legalizing racial profiling against people of color, and two decades ago
2 when it refused to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is on record as opposing
4 SB1062; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That if SB1062 is enacted, the San Francisco Board of
6 Supervisors urges San Francisco to renew its boycott of Arizona; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will call for City
8 Departments (1) to the extent practicable, and in instances where there is no significant
9 additional cost to the City nor conflict with law, to refrain from entering into any new or
10 amended contracts to purchase goods or services from any company that is headquartered in
11 Arizona, (2) to avoid sending City officials or employees to conferences in Arizona, and (3) to
12 review existing contracts for the purchase of goods and services with companies
13 headquartered in Arizona and explore opportunities to discontinue those contracts consistent
14 with the terms of those contracts and principles of fiscal responsibility; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That if SB1062 is enacted the Board of Supervisors will
16 encourage private San Francisco based businesses to refrain from doing business with the
17 State of Arizona or holding or participating in any conventions or conferences in Arizona, and
18 also urges San Francisco private citizens to avoid engaging in tourism in the State of Arizona;
19 and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors endorses the City Attorney's
21 offer to lend resources of his office to cooperate in a legal challenge to SB1062; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
23 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer.
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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 140149

Date Passed: February 25, 2014

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February 25, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/25/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

2/28/14

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board