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INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor



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I hereby submit the following item for introduction:
1. For reference to Committee: An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment. Z 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee 3. Request for Committee hearing on a subject matter. 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor inquires". 5. City Attorney request. 6. Call file from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File Nos. 9. Request for Closed Session 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole
Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:
☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission
Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a different form.] Sponsor(s): Supervisors Campos, Dufty Alioto - Pier
SUBJECT: Resolution Preventing Bullying and Suicide of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Question (LGBTQ) Youth The text is listed below or attached:
Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:
For Clerk's Use Only:

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1	[Preventing Bullying and Suicide of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Question (LGBTQ) Youth]
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4	Resolution affirming the importance of maintaining a safety net for LGBTQ youth, and
5	encouraging schools, colleges, and universities to prevent bullying and raise
6	awareness about LGBTQ suicide prevention services.
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8	WHEREAS, Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi committed suicide by jumping
9	off the George Washington Bridge after two classmates invaded his privacy and streamed
10	Tyler's intimate encounter with another man online; and
11	WHEREAS, Tyler Clementi is one of several suicides in recent weeks by young gay
12	teenagers across the U.S. that have been harassed by classmates both in person and online;
13	WHEREAS, The Massachusetts 2006 Youth Risk Survey found that lesbian, gay,
4	bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth were up to four times more likely to
15	attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers; and
16	WHEREAS, A 2009 San Francisco State University study entitled "Family Rejection as
7	a Predictor of Negative Health Outcomes" shows that youth who were rejected by their
8	families for being lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) were 8.4 times more likely to
19	report having attempted suicide; and
20	WHEREAS, A recent University of Washington study found that students that identified
21	as heterosexual, but also reported being attracted to people of the same sex, were three
22	times as likely as heterosexual students to have made a plan to commit suicide in the past
23	year and six times more likely to have attempted suicide in the same period; and
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1	WHEREAS, Many teens and young adults are driven to suicide because of the trauma
2	of being bullied. A 2009 report by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network found
3	that 85 percent of LGBT students experienced harassment at school the previous year; and
4	WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) recognizes that
5	creating a safe classroom is paramount for students to focus on learning, and that school
6	bullying remains a problem in our schools; and
7	WHEREAS, San Francisco has long been a safe haven for LGBTQ youth fleeing
8	abusive situations in their schools, homes and communities; and
9	WHEREAS, SFUSD offers tools and curriculum for teachers to discuss LGBTQ topics
10	and collects data to track bullying among LGBTQ students; and
11	WHEREAS, Several resources exist to prevent LGBTQ teen suicide, including the
12	Trevor Project, a leading national organization that provides a crisis hotline, a secure online
13	messaging service to answer questions and concerns, and public policy solutions; and
14	WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is home to several LGBTQ organizations
15	offering support to youth in our schools, including Ally Action, AQU25A, COLAGE,
16	Community United Against Violence (CUAV), Dimensions Health Clinic, Frameline, Gay-
17	Straight Alliance Network, LYRIC, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
18	(PFLAG), Our Family Coalition, Respect for All Project, and the San Francisco LGBT Center;
19	and, therefore be it
20	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21	affirms the importance of maintaining the City and County of San Francisco's social safety net
22	for LGBTQ youth, especially mental health and youth support services; and, be it
23	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages schools, colleges
24	and universities to increase their efforts to stop bullying, raise awareness about LGBTQ youth

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suicide prevention, and foster understanding and acceptance among its student populations.