

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 993 (Skinner) - Expanding Access to Support and  
2 Services for Victims of Crime]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 993, authored by Senator Nancy**  
4 **Skinner, Expanding Crime Victim Support and Services, which improves access to**  
5 **support and services for survivors of crime by removing barriers that contribute to**  
6 **denial, improving support for exonerees, and increasing funding for compensation of**  
7 **victims.**

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9 WHEREAS, The California Victim Compensation Board provides financial support and  
10 services to crime victims and exonerees; and

11 WHEREAS, Providing this support increases community safety, improves trust  
12 between law enforcement and victims and also reduces a victim's urge to retaliate; and

13 WHEREAS, If you are a crime survivor, California law provides you the ability to seek  
14 financial compensation and services through the Victim Compensation Board; and

15 WHEREAS, The Victim Compensation Board also funds trauma counseling, funeral  
16 expenses, and medical expenses; and

17 WHEREAS, This important service is underfunded and governed by language that has  
18 prevented many crime survivors from being able to access funds or receive the help needed  
19 to recover; and

20 WHEREAS, The application process for accessing these services can be lengthy and  
21 burdensome; and

22 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. (SB) 993 improves access to support and  
23 services for survivors and exonerees and increases the financial support a crime survivor can  
24 receive; and

1           WHEREAS, SB 993 would increase the compensation cap, improve access to financial  
2 assistance for mental health services and expand access to lost income or support services

3           WHEREAS, SB 993 would allow community organizations to provide direct cash  
4 assistance to violent crime survivors with minimal administrative burden; and

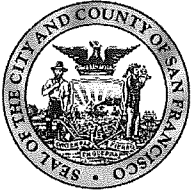
5           WHEREAS, The bill would streamline the claims process for Victim Compensation  
6 Board benefits; and

7           WHEREAS, SB 993 would remove barriers that contribute to denials and racial  
8 disparities in Victim Compensation Board claim awards, including correctional supervision  
9 disqualification, denials related to law enforcement cooperation, discretionary denials that  
10 blame the victim for their own victimization; and

11           WHEREAS, Improve support for exonerees, including compensation for time spent on  
12 parole or probation and for attorney's fees associated with overturning a conviction or  
13 securing a pardon; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall support California State Senate Bill  
15 No. 993 and join Senator Nancy Skinner, Californians for Safety and Justice, Crime Survivors  
16 for Safety and Justice, After Innocence and others to support the passage of this bill; and, be  
17 it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
19 County of San Francisco distribute this Resolution to San Francisco's State Legislative  
20 Delegation, State Senate, and to the California Governor Gavin Newsom.



City and County of San Francisco

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May 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/10/2022 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

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/20/2022

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
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Clerk of the Board

5/20/2022
Date