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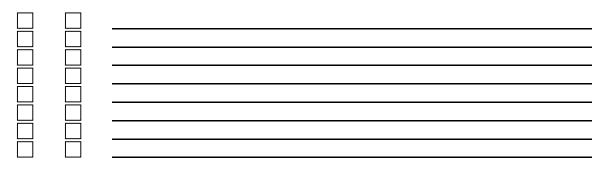
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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Protection of Transgender and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Youth And Adults]
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3	Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in
4	San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay,
5	bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hate
6	and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+
7	protections.
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9	WHEREAS, In 2022, the country witnessed unprecedented levels of extremist ring-
10	wing transphobic and queerphobic rhetoric and violence across the United States; and;
11	WHEREAS, Elected officials and candidates across the nation have espoused
12	extremist rhetoric to promote their political platforms founded on hatred, intention to harm, and
13	the scapegoating of transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) people; and
14	WHEREAS, San Francisco is a vibrant hub of queer culture for local residents; a
15	destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world; and a globally
16	recognized source of inspiration for resistance, freedom, and respect for transgender and
17	LGBQ+ people; and
18	WHEREAS, The City is a sanctuary destination for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and
19	transgender individuals fleeing discrimination and violence across the United States and
20	globally; and
21	WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically been the epicenter of political and
22	legislative victories promoting equality and protections for the LGBTQ+ community, including
23	the early sanctioning of same-sex marriage, the election of Harvey Milk, and an early historic
24	ban on discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual
25	orientation; and

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco is also a global epicenter for drag entertainment and culture 2 with a rich and extensive history of drag as a medium of liberation for transgender and gueer 3 individuals dating back to the early twenty-first century; and

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WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically supported transgender and LGBQ+ youth, 5 and schools have mandates to support LGBTQ+ students by preventing bullying, referring to 6 students by their gender pronouns and name, respecting students' dress and behavior 7 regardless of whether it conforms with stereotypes associated with their gender, and providing

8 access to gender-neutral restrooms; and

9 WHEREAS, The extremist rhetoric has catalyzed violent attacks and harassment of 10 LGBTQ+ spaces and drag artists by individuals exhibiting hatred towards transgender and

11 queer people, including in San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Spaces dedicated for refuge, community, and boundless gender

13 expression, as characterized by the artistry of drag, for the LGBTQ+ community are no longer

14 perceived as safe and free of violence; and

15 WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBQ+ youth and adults have been targeted through 16 legislation and cruel initiatives by extremists all over the country, including Alabama, Arizona, 17 Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, 18 Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and 19 20 Wyoming; and

21 WHEREAS, Nationwide efforts to suppress LGBTQ+ history and education, prevent 22 students from using their pronouns without fear of retaliation, and vilify drag performers 23 continue to spread nationwide; and

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1 WHEREAS, Transgender youth and adults have been especially targeted through 2 proposed bans on and restrictions on the provision, coverage, and availability of gender-3 affirming healthcare; and 4 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has recognized the importance and 5 medical necessity of gender-affirming care for youth; and 6 WHEREAS, Transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer history intersects with the 7 history of poor, homeless, and criminalized people, as well as Black, Indigenous, and other 8 people of color, and is ultimately intimately tied with their liberation; and 9 WHEREAS, San Francisco-based transgender and LGBQ+ programs and providers 10 have received hate and harassment after announcing transgender-focused programs; and 11 WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBQ+ students, their parents, and others have been 12 subjected to harassment in San Francisco's public spaces; and 13 WHEREAS. The increasing use of transphobic and gueerphobic extremist rhetoric as a 14 political strategy demands a renewal by San Francisco leaders of the city's commitment to 15 continue to be a sanctuary for the LGBTQ+ community; and 16 WHEREAS, The connection between safety in LGBTQ+ spaces and protections for 17 trans youth and adults is undeniable and must be prioritized; and, be it therefore 18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commits to protecting transgender and LGBQ youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hateful conduct; 19 20 and, be it 21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges elected officials, schools, and youth-22 serving institutions in San Francisco to adopt and implement policies and programs to 23 celebrate and protect transgender and LGBQ+ youth and adults; and, be it 24 25

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the educational development, safety, 2 and academic inclusion of transgender youth in schools and youth-serving institutions: and, 3 be it 4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the prompt implementation of the 5 Queer Transgender Parent Advisory Council by the San Francisco Unified School District 6 (SFUSD) to help the district create a welcoming and protective environment for its queer and 7 transgender students and families amid continued anti-gueer and anti-trans sentiment around 8 the country; and, be it 9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on SFUSD to affirm and ensure 10 compliance with the California School Success and Opportunity Act (Assembly Bill 1266); 11 and, be it 12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes that access to gender-affirming 13 care is crucial and can be lifesaving; and, be it 14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board will continue to fund social programs 15 benefiting transgender adults and youth at risk of, and currently experiencing, homelessness; 16 and, be it 17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns hateful anti-trans 18 attacks, both in San Francisco and beyond, as well as the growing list of anti-trans legislation 19 introduced and enacted in dozens of states across the nation; and, be it 20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for the protection of 21 transgender and LGBQ+ youth and adults in San Francisco. 22 23 24 25

Introduction Form

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

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): \square 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) \square 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) \square 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. \square 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. \square 8. Reactivate File No. 9. \square Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): \Box Yes \square No (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Subject: Long Title or text listed: