

1 [Urging Creation of Programming and Resources for Victims of Gun Violence]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Public Health to create a program**
4 **to provide resources and education for victims of gun violence regarding their rights to**
5 **file lawsuits against gun manufacturers in accordance to California State Assembly Bill**
6 **No. 1594.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco Police Department data, there have been 139
9 shootings in 2022 resulting in injury or loss of life in the City and County of San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, These shootings resulted in 113 victims injured by gun violence and 26
11 victims killed by gun violence; and

12 WHEREAS, Gun violence disproportionately affects Black and Brown communities in
13 San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco Police Department data, from 2017
15 to 2020, 67% of victims killed by gun violence in San Francisco were Black and Latino men;
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17 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco Police Department data, the total population
18 of Black and Brown residents in the City and County of San Francisco is below ten percent;
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20 WHEREAS, Gun violence disproportionately affects young adults and children in the
21 City and County of San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco Police Department data, in San
23 Francisco, 45% of gun violence homicide victims are under the age of 35; and

24 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco Police Department Data, in San
25 Francisco, 78% of victims injured by gun Violence are under the age of 35; and

1 WHEREAS, According to reporting by the Washington Post, nationally, Black men
2 make up 52% of all gun homicide victims, despite comprising less than 6% of the population;
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4 WHEREAS, According to the UCSF Wraparound Project, in the United States, for
5 every homicide by gun violence, 100 others are injured by gun violence, and an estimated
6 cost of care for victims of gun violence in the United States is \$264 billion annually; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Giffords Center against Gun Violence, over 110 people
8 die from gun violence every day in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the National Gun Violence Archive there were 690 mass
10 shootings in the United States in 2021, and there have been 617 mass shootings so far
11 in 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, Nationwide, we have seen hate based mass shootings rise, in March 2021
13 there were 8 people killed in Atlanta, in what was determined to be motivated by anti-Asian
14 hate; and

15 WHEREAS, In May 2022, a White-Supremacist shooter targeted a market in Buffalo,
16 New York motivated by hatred for African-Americans, killing ten people; and

17 WHEREAS, In November 2022, a shooter motivated by hate for the LGBTQ+
18 community targeted a club hosting a drag event in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing five
19 people; and

20 WHEREAS, According to reporting by the Washington Post, between 2020 and 2021
21 there was a record 43 million firearms purchased in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, According to reporting by National Public Radio (NPR), since 2020 gun
23 manufacturers have earned over \$3 billion dollars in profits from reported gun sales in the
24 United States; and

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1 WHEREAS, This year, families from Sandy Hook Elementary sued Remington claiming
2 that the manufacturer’s marketing of the AR-15-style rifle appealed to troubled men, like the
3 shooter who killed 26 people including children and teachers, violating Connecticut state law
4 and resulted in a \$73 million settlement; and

5 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill
6 No. 1594 (AB 1594), on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 221206,
7 which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein, creating a
8 path for private citizens and local governments to sue gun manufacturers for the harm their
9 products cause when they do not follow California gun laws as allowed under federal law; and

10 WHEREAS, California law requires rigorous background checks to purchase a gun,
11 prevents straw purchases, requires the sale of safety devices with each firearm and bans the
12 sale or manufacturing of assault weapons; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to establish a program to provide
15 services and information for victims of gun violence to their rights relating to AB 1594 in the
16 City and County of San Francisco beginning on January 1, 2024; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18 Francisco urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health to expand existing violence
19 prevention programs to include a program to support victims of gun violence in San Francisco
20 and provide information and resources relating to rights afforded by AB 1594 and work with
21 the City Attorney’s office the City Administrators’ Office, and the Mayor’s Budget Office to
22 identify funding and staffing as necessary.

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