

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1897 (Haney) - Mentally Disordered Offenders:
Criteria for Commitment]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1897, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Matt Haney, which clarifies legal standards governing continued**
5 **treatment for offenders with severe mental illness and strengthens evidence-based**
6 **evaluation requirements.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has an interest in protecting public
9 safety, health, and welfare and ensuring that individuals with severe mental illness receive
10 appropriate treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, California law establishes a framework for courts and psychiatrists to use
12 in determining whether individuals with severe mental issues should remain in treatment
13 following incarceration as a condition of parole; and

14 WHEREAS, Ambiguity in the framework and inconsistent application have led to
15 release decisions that are detrimental to public safety and health; and

16 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 1897 (AB 1897) would refine existing law by
17 clarifying the criteria for an individual to receive mental health treatment following
18 imprisonment and mandating the use of a validated risk assessment tool, as part of the
19 evaluation process; and

20 WHEREAS, Clarifying statutory language and standardizing assessment methodology
21 could support more consistent decision-making, strengthen due-process protections, increase
22 public confidence, and lead to better outcomes for the public and individuals with severe
23 mental issues; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 supports AB 1897 as a measured and evidence-based improvement to state law governing
3 treatment and release determinations for individuals with severe mental issues; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco encourages timely adoption of AB 1897 to improve public safety outcomes and
6 ensure individuals with severe mental illness receive the treatment they need; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this
8 Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Monique Limón, Speaker of
9 the State Assembly Robert Rivas, and the offices of San Francisco’s State delegation.

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