

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill 1129 (Stone) - Coastal Access and Protection]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to support and pass California State**  
4 **Assembly Bill 1129, introduced by Assembly Member Stone, in recognition of San**  
5 **Francisco’s commitment to ensuring environmental protection of and public access to**  
6 **California’s coastline in the face of anticipated sea level rise.**

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8 WHEREAS, California’s beaches are a significant public asset to be safeguarded and  
9 maintained, with 77% of Californians visiting a California beach at least once a year if not  
10 much more; and

11 WHEREAS, California’s coastline and the waters adjacent are an ecological haven for  
12 a diversity of wildlife, including arthropods, fish, mammals and over 50 unique species of  
13 birds; and

14 WHEREAS, Sea level rise poses a significant threat to San Francisco and all of  
15 California’s coastal communities, with sea levels at the Golden Gate Bridge rising more than  
16 seven inches since 1900 and projected to rise much more in the future; and

17 WHEREAS, In recognition of the serious threat of sea level rise, the City of San  
18 Francisco released the “San Francisco Sea Level Rise Action Plan” in 2016 and has formed a  
19 regional task force to analyze armoring, mitigation and reinforcement recommendations; and

20 WHEREAS, Coastal armoring structures can temporarily protect property from sea  
21 level rise, but over time they will eventually fail, destroying sand and beach sediment and  
22 adversely inhibiting the natural coastal process; and

23 WHEREAS, Nature-based alternatives to armoring like wetland restoration and beach  
24 nourishment that utilize natural landscape features to protect property have been shown to  
25 cost less than armoring; and

1           WHEREAS, Defending our beaches from unnecessary seawalls will protect, restore and  
2 enhance the natural character of the coast and ensure California’s beaches remain open to  
3 the public, now and in the future; and

4           WHEREAS, California Assembly Member Mark Stone has introduced AB 1129, the  
5 Coastal Access and Protection Act of 2017, which will help prepare our coast for the impacts  
6 of climate change and preserve public access to the beach and other natural areas by  
7 clarifying the California Coastal Commission’s authority to limit shoreline armoring; and

8           WHEREAS, AB 1129 will provide clear direction to the California Coastal Commission  
9 to minimize the use of armoring due to its adverse impacts on the coastal ecosystems and  
10 public access; and

11           WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission staff are working with Assembly  
12 Member Stone to ensure existing infrastructure at Ocean Beach will not be adversely  
13 impacted, consistent with past California Coastal Commission permit precedent; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 urges the State Legislature to support and pass AB 1129; and, be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
18 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution to the respective offices of  
19 the City Lobbyist, the California Coastal Commission and the members of the State  
20 Legislature upon final passage.

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