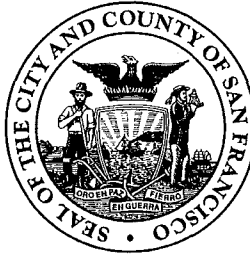


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May 24, 2017

Office of the President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 174-17

Dear Mr. President:


On May 9, 2017, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 174-17 (Supporting the She Decides Initiative and Opposing the Enactment of the Mexico City Policy), which was enacted on May 19, 2017.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One certified copy of Resolution No. 174-17 (File No. 170524)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

- c. Supervisors Kim; Safai, Fewer, Cohen, Ronen  
Mayor's Legislative and Government Affairs Director, Nicole Elliott  
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mawuli Tugbenyoh  
Mayor's Director of State and Federal Legislative Affairs, Kathryn Angotti



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[ Supporting the She Decides Initiative and Opposing the Enactment of the Mexico City Policy ]

Sponsors: Kim; Safai, Fewer, Cohen and Ronen

Resolution supporting the She Decides Global Initiative spearheaded by the Netherlands which aims to support women's fundamental rights around the world to decide if, when, and how many children they have, by filling any gaps in funding resulting from the U.S. President's reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy (also referred to as the "Gag Rule"), which bans financial support to foreign organizations that provide access to safe abortion or any information about abortion, even if they do so with non-U.S. funding.

5/9/2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy and Yee
Excused: 1 - Tang

5/19/2017 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 22, 2017

Date

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo and official seal of the City and County of San Francisco, Clerk of the Board.

1 [Supporting the She Decides Initiative and Opposing the Enactment of the Mexico City Policy]

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7 **referred to as the “Gag Rule”), which bans financial support to foreign organizations**  
8 **that provide access to safe abortion or any information about abortion, even if they do**  
9 **so with non-U.S. funding.**

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11 WHEREAS, No existing method of birth control is 100% effective, access to  
12 contraception may be limited, and women will experience unintended pregnancies, thereby  
13 making safe abortion services a necessity; and

14 WHEREAS, An unsafe abortion is one of the five leading causes of pregnancy-related  
15 deaths and injuries globally; and

16 WHEREAS, 21.6 million women have unsafe abortions each year resulting in 47,000  
17 deaths worldwide; and

18 WHEREAS, When the Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush  
19 administrations enforced the Mexico City Policy from 1985-1988, 1988-1993, and 2001-2009,  
20 respectively, it negatively-impacted efforts to mitigate the high rates of unsafe abortion proving  
21 the Mexico City Policy to be detrimental; and

22 WHEREAS, Trump’s re-imposition and expansion of the Mexico City Policy applies to  
23 all global health funding, not just family planning funding through the United States Agency for  
24 International Development or the State Department (“USAID”), meaning Trump’s rendition will  
25 impact 15 times more funding than previous applications which totals nearly \$9.5 billion

1 dollars in global health funding in family planning and reproductive health funding according to  
2 Population Action International a research and advocacy nonprofit aimed at protecting  
3 women's reproductive rights; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mexico City Policy is an executive order that cuts funding for  
5 international family planning organizations if they provide clients with information,  
6 consultation, or services related to abortion or if they advocate for the legalization of abortion  
7 in their countries; and

8 WHEREAS, The loss of U.S. funding contributes to the unmet need for modern  
9 contraception for more than 225 million women around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Marie Stopes International (MSI), one of the affected organizations, has  
11 indicated that losing US funding for MSI-operations in the period 2017-2020 is expected to  
12 lead to an additional 6.5 million unintended pregnancies, 2.2 million abortions, 2.1 million  
13 unsafe abortions, and 21,700 maternal deaths; and

14 WHEREAS, An estimated 225 million women in developing countries want control over  
15 their reproductive systems but are not using any method of contraception; and

16 WHEREAS, The She Decides Global Initiative aims to support women's fundamental  
17 rights around the world to decide if, when, and how many children they have, by filling any  
18 gaps in funding resulting from the U.S. President's reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Women having access to information to make informed reproductive and  
21 health care decisions is a public health benefit; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares the City  
23 and County of San Francisco's support of the She Decides Initiative; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes and will in  
25 no way advance the current or future instatement of the Mexico City Policy; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed  
2 to forward this resolution to the Office of the President of the United States of America.

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File Number: 170524

Date Passed: May 09, 2017

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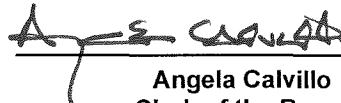
May 09, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy and Yee

Excused: 1 - Tang

File No. 170524

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/9/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

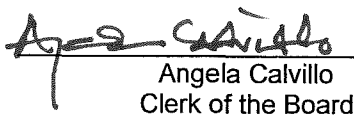
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Unsigned

Mayor

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5/19/17

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

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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5/19/17  
Date