1   [Urging Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to Uphold Net Neutrality]

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3   **Resolution urging Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to uphold**

4   **net neutrality and Title II protections.**

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6   WHEREAS, In February 2015, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted

7   to approve the "Open Internet Order," which established net neutrality protections and

8   reclassified Internet service as a telecommunications service under Title II of the

9   Communications Act; and

10   WHEREAS, Net Neutrality is the concept that Internet service providers (ISPs) should

11   treat all data that flows over their networks fairly and without improper discrimination that may

12   favor certain applications, sites, services, or content; and

13   WHEREAS, The "Open Internet Order" established that ISPs should be treated as

14   common carriers, and as such, regulated like other public utilities providing essential public

15   services; and

16   WHEREAS, The "Open Internet Order" aims to keep the Internet truly fair and open by

17   requiring ISPs and their networks be a neutral gateway instead of handling different types of

18   Internet traffic in different ways and at different costs; and

19   WHEREAS, San Francisco's communities increasingly rely on fair and open broadband

20   connectivity for economic growth, community development, improving education and

21   employment opportunities, accessing information, government services, and numerous other

22   examples; and

23   WHEREAS, On Thursday December 14, 2017, the FCC voted the "Restoring Internet

24   Freedom Draft Order" into law which repeated current net neutrality protections, declassified

25   Internet service as a telecommunication service and seeks to codify the unprecedented step

1   of banning cities and states from imposing local rules to protect their residents in the

2   aftermath of repeal with their own net neutrality protections; and

3   WHEREAS, More than 23 million comments have been filed at the FCC in response to

4   its proposal to eliminate net neutrality, with over 98% of the comments in support of keeping

5   the current net neutrality protections in place; and

6   WHEREAS, Public opinion polls show that 76% of Americans, 81% of Democrats, 73%

7   of Republicans support the current net neutrality protections; and

8   WHEREAS, The "Restoring Internet Freedom Draft Order" now allows ISPs to; block

9   certain sites, content, or applications, throttle certain sites, content, or applications, and create

10   'paid prioritization' "fast lanes" for certain commercial partners while; and

11   WHEREAS, The "Restoring Internet Freedom Draft Order" allows ISPs to self-regulate

12   and ask consumers and businesses to trust that their ISPs are not engaging in anti-consumer

13   behavior; and

14   WHEREAS, Repealing net neutrality protection will have particularly negative

15   consequences for middle-class and low-income San Franciscans, small businesses,

16   entrepreneurs, start-ups, non-profits, and those who cannot afford to pay more for accessing

17   and using data an content on the Internet; now, therefore, be it

18   RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly support the "Open

19   Internet Order," which established current net neutrality and Title II protections and

20   regulations; and, be it

21   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly urges

22   that Congress, the Courts, and the FCC reconsider and disapprove the "Restoring Internet

23   Freedom Draft Order" because it is not in the best interest of San Francisco's diverse

24   communities, businesses, and non-profits; and, be it

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1   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly

2 encourages all ISPs who serve San Francisco residents to make public, legally enforceable

3 commitments not to block access by its customers, and not to prioritize Internet traffic or

4 create paid fast lanes.

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