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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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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
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Sponsor(s):

Supervisors Mark Farrell, Ahsha Safai, *Kim, Fearr, Cohen*

Subject:

Resolution - Urging Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to Uphold Net Neutrality

The text is listed:

Attached.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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