#### **BOARD of SUPERVISORS**



City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco 94102-4689
Tel. No. 554-5184
Fax No. 554-5163
TDD/TTY No. 554-5227

April 24, 2019

The Honorable E. Dotson Wilson Chief Clerk of the Assembly California State Assembly California State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 173-19

Dear Chief Clerk Wilson:

On April 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 173-19 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act), which was enacted on April 19, 2019.

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

• One certified copy of Resolution No. 173-19 (File No. 190362)

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: <a href="mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org">board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org</a>.

Sincerely.

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

c. Supervisor Vallie Brown, Member of the Board of Supervisors
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Eddie McCaffrey, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office
Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.



# City and County of San Francisco Certified Copy

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

### Resolution

190362

[ Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act ]

Sponsor: Brown

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monique Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

4/9/2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

Absent: 1 - Mar

4/19/2019 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

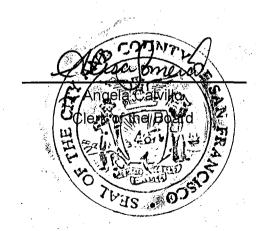
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

#### 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 offical seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

April 24, 2019 Date



23

24

25

[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act]

2

1

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monigue Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

9

WHEREAS, Long-term financial health of all residents in the City and County of San Francisco, particularly low-income and working families, is important to the overall economic well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, High-cost loan services, which are concentrated in areas with family poverty rates higher than that of the state average, market their products to economically disadvantaged communities and people who may need to resolve short-term financial crises; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law provides a 36% interest rate cap on consumer installment loans below \$2,500, but does not cap interest rates on consumer installment loans with principal amounts of \$2,500 or greater; and

WHEREAS, The California Supreme Court held in August 2018 that current uncapped interest rates on high-cost loans of \$2,500 or greater are unduly oppressive and unconscionable; and

WHEREAS, State-licensed high-cost lenders originated 352,207 loans with annual interest rates above 100% annual percentage rate in 2017, representing \$1.1 billion in principal amount; and

WHEREAS, Default rates on high-cost loans exceed 30% statewide and cause harmful consequences to San Francisco families, including damaged credit scores, car repossessions, lawsuits, wage garnishments, and even bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 539 places a 36% interest rate cap, tied to the Federal Funds Rate, for consumer installment loans of \$2,500 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 539 strikes the right balance between protecting consumers from predatory lending practices and allowing responsible lenders to provide access to credit to consumers with challenged credit scores or no credit score due to lack of previous credit access; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports California State Assembly Bill No. 539 and urges the Assembly and Senate to pass the bill; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.



# City and County of San Francisco Tails

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Resolution

File Number:

190362

Date Passed: April 09, 2019

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monique Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

April 09, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee Absent: 1 - Mar

File No. 190362

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/9/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

4/19/2019 Unsigned London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor

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

#### BOARD of SUPERVISORS



City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco 94102-4689
Tel. No. 554-5184
Fax No. 554-5163
TDD/TTY No. 554-5227

April 24, 2019

The Honorable Erika Contreras Secretary of the Senate California State Senate California State Capitol, Room 3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 173-19

Dear Secretary Contreras:

On April 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 173-19 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act), which was enacted on April 19, 2019.

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

One certified copy of Resolution No. 173-19 (File No. 190362)

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: <u>board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

c. Supervisor Vallie Brown, Member of the Board of Supervisors Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors Eddie McCaffrey, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.



# City and County of San Francisco Certified Copy

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

### Resolution

190362

[ Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act ]

Sponsor: Brown

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monique Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

4/9/2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

Absent: 1 - Mar

4/19/2019 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

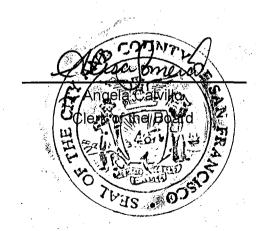
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

#### 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 offical seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

April 24, 2019 Date



23

24

25

[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539 (Limón) - Fair Access to Credit Act]

2

1

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monigue Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

9

WHEREAS, Long-term financial health of all residents in the City and County of San Francisco, particularly low-income and working families, is important to the overall economic well-being of the region; and

WHEREAS, High-cost loan services, which are concentrated in areas with family poverty rates higher than that of the state average, market their products to economically disadvantaged communities and people who may need to resolve short-term financial crises; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law provides a 36% interest rate cap on consumer installment loans below \$2,500, but does not cap interest rates on consumer installment loans with principal amounts of \$2,500 or greater; and

WHEREAS, The California Supreme Court held in August 2018 that current uncapped interest rates on high-cost loans of \$2,500 or greater are unduly oppressive and unconscionable; and

WHEREAS, State-licensed high-cost lenders originated 352,207 loans with annual interest rates above 100% annual percentage rate in 2017, representing \$1.1 billion in principal amount; and

WHEREAS, Default rates on high-cost loans exceed 30% statewide and cause harmful consequences to San Francisco families, including damaged credit scores, car repossessions, lawsuits, wage garnishments, and even bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 539 places a 36% interest rate cap, tied to the Federal Funds Rate, for consumer installment loans of \$2,500 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 539 strikes the right balance between protecting consumers from predatory lending practices and allowing responsible lenders to provide access to credit to consumers with challenged credit scores or no credit score due to lack of previous credit access; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports California State Assembly Bill No. 539 and urges the Assembly and Senate to pass the bill; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.



# City and County of San Francisco Tails

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Resolution

File Number:

190362

Date Passed: April 09, 2019

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 539, authored by Assembly Member Monique Limón and coauthored by Assembly Members Timothy Grayson, Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Ash Kalra, James Ramos, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Mark Stone, and State Senators Maria Elena Durazo, Holly Mitchell, and Bob Wieckowski, to cap interest rates on consumer loans at 36% per annum plus the Federal Funds Rate for loans with a principal amount greater than \$2,500 and lesser than \$10,000.

April 09, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee Absent: 1 - Mar

File No. 190362

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/9/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

4/19/2019 Unsigned London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor

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