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October 9, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
1303-10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 415-19

Dear Governor Newsom:

On October 4, 2019, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 415-19 (Urging the Governor to Sign California State Assembly Bill No. 857 (Chiu and Santiago) - Public Banks Act), which was enacted on October 4, 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. 415-19 (File No. 190951)

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. Members 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.



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Resolution

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[ Urging the Governor to Sign California State Assembly Bill No. 857 (Chiu and Santiago) - Public Banks Act ]

**Sponsors:** Fewer; Walton, Ronen, Peskin, Brown, Mandelman, Mar, Haney, Stefani, Yee and Safai

Resolution urging the Governor to sign into law California State Assembly Bill No. 857, authored by State Assembly Members David Chiu and Miguel Santiago, the "Public Banks Act," to provide a pathway for the creation of municipal and regional public banks.

9/24/2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

10/4/2019 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

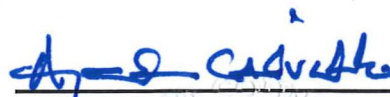
CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

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 official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

October 07, 2019

Date

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

1 [Urging the Governor to Sign California State Assembly Bill No. 857 (Chiu and  
2 Santiago) - Public Banks Act]

3 **Resolution urging the Governor to sign into law California State Assembly Bill**  
4 **No. 857, authored by State Assembly Members David Chiu and Miguel Santiago,**  
5 **the “Public Banks Act,” to provide a pathway for the creation of municipal and**  
6 **regional public banks.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco taxpayer funds are currently held in large commercial  
9 banks that engage in practices misaligned with the values of the City and County of San  
10 Francisco, including predatory lending and investment in fossil fuels, private prisons,  
11 firearms, and more; and

12 WHEREAS, There have been many efforts to gain more control of city taxpayer  
13 dollars, including through the San Francisco Treasurer and Tax Collector’s Office  
14 development of a Social Responsibility Matrix to guide the investment of city dollars, but  
15 these efforts are limited given the lack of alternatives to large commercial banks; and

16 WHEREAS, The Budget and Legislative Analyst for the Board of Supervisors  
17 published a policy analysis report in November 2017 entitled, “Community Supportive  
18 Banking Options 2017 Update”, which noted that “a public bank would be better  
19 equipped to meet the city’s business needs and public policy goals”; and

20 WHEREAS, As recommended by the Board of Supervisors (via Resolution  
21 No. 152-17), the Treasurer and Tax Collector convened a Municipal Bank Feasibility  
22 Task Force to explore the creation of a municipal public bank and “increase  
23 transparency and equity across the City’s financial functions”; and

24 WHEREAS, The Municipal Bank Feasibility Task Force met for eleven months,  
25 then releasing a report in March 2019 that provided analysis of some of the financial

1 costs and benefits of creating a municipal bank, and outlined both policy and  
2 operational considerations for further consideration; and

3 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 857 (AB 857) was introduced by  
4 Assembly Members David Chiu and Miguel Santiago in March 2019, to green-light the  
5 development of a public banking system in the State of California and provide an  
6 alternative to large commercial banks, in order to reinvest public funds for the public  
7 good; and

8 WHEREAS, The bill would launch a pilot program, allowing for up to ten public  
9 bank charters to be issued over a seven-year trial period, while also guaranteeing three  
10 separate levels of regulatory oversight, from the California Department of Business  
11 Oversight, the FDIC, and the Federal Reserve; and

12 WHEREAS, The bill would require partnerships between a public bank and  
13 existing local financial institutions to provide retail services, enabling public banks to  
14 support local credit unions and small banks, as well as small businesses and local non-  
15 profits by increasing the lending capacity of the local banking system; and

16 WHEREAS, Over 180 community organizations, labor unions and elected  
17 leaders have endorsed AB 857 from across the state of California; and

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors (via Resolution No. 196-19) unanimously  
19 endorsed AB 857 and expressed support for the continued efforts in San Francisco to  
20 create and operationalize a municipal public bank; and

21 WHEREAS, AB 857 cleared both houses of the California State Legislature in a  
22 historic victory for economic democracy, and moved forward for consideration by the  
23 Governor of California, Gavin Newsom; and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Newsom has previously expressed support for public  
25 banking and a critique of the large commercial banking system that severely limits

1 the options for governments to reinvest tax dollars in public priorities; now, therefore, be  
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors continues to support local efforts to  
4 establish a municipal public bank in San Francisco; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends both houses of  
6 the California State Legislature for passage of such a groundbreaking bill; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Governor Gavin  
8 Newsom to sign California State Assembly Bill No. 857 into law and allow for a pathway  
9 for local and regional public banks in the State of California; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby  
11 directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the  
12 Governor of California.



City and County of San Francisco  
Tails  
Resolution

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File Number: 190951

Date Passed: September 24, 2019

Resolution urging the Governor to sign into law California State Assembly Bill No. 857, authored by State Assembly Members David Chiu and Miguel Santiago, the "Public Banks Act," to provide a pathway for the creation of municipal and regional public banks.

September 24, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 190951

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/24/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed  
Mayor

10/4/2019

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 her 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

10/4/2019  
Date