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Prepared by: Lisa Lew
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Date: February 28, 2020
Date: _____

1 [Urging Adoption of a Photograph Identification Policy for Patients Whose Physical
2 Characteristics Have Been Changed Due to Medical Treatment]

3 **Resolution urging the California Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt a photograph**
4 **identification policy, allowing patients that are undergoing medical treatment whose**
5 **physical characteristics have been changed, due to medical treatment, to request a**
6 **temporary extension of the stored photograph on their driver's license or identification**
7 **card.**

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9 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be more than 1.8
10 million new cancer cases diagnosed in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 172,040 new
12 cancer cases diagnosed in California in 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in
14 the United States, and is the second leading cause of cancer death among women after lung
15 cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 30,650 new
17 cases of female breast cancer diagnosed in California in 2020, a projection which represents
18 the highest number of newly diagnosed cancer cases in California; and

19 WHEREAS, The treatment for invasive breast cancer and other cancers typically
20 requires a prolonged course of chemotherapy that causes serious side effects, such as a
21 seriously compromised immune system and significant or total hair loss; and

22 WHEREAS, The current California Department of Motor Vehicles policy states that
23 individuals may wear a headscarf or headgear for driver's license and identification card
24 photographs only for religious reasons, and not for medical reasons; and

1 WHEREAS, When individuals undergoing chemotherapy renew their driver's license or
2 identification card at the California Department of Motor Vehicles, they are asked to remove
3 any headscarf or headgear, thereby exposing the individual's temporary hair loss; and

4 WHEREAS, When individuals undergoing chemotherapy renew their driver's license or
5 identification card, they have to be physically present at the California Department of Motor
6 Vehicles, thereby subjecting their seriously compromised immune systems to a host of germs
7 and viruses being carried by other patrons while putting themselves at a significantly
8 increased risk of potentially life-threatening infection; and

9 WHEREAS, The individual's driver's license or identification card photograph becomes
10 a constant reminder of the life-altering struggle with cancer and cancer treatments, even long
11 after remission and recovery; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has passed a law allowing any person
13 undergoing treatment for an illness, whose physical characteristics have been temporarily
14 changed due to medical treatment, to request an extension of the stored photograph on their
15 driver's license or identification card; and

16 WHEREAS, By adopting this policy, California would be demonstrating a level of
17 awareness, kindness, and compassion for the hundreds of thousands of Californians
18 undergoing a punishing, but hopefully life-saving, course of medical treatment that causes
19 significant or total hair loss; and

20 WHEREAS, By adopting this policy, California would be protecting members of a
21 medically vulnerable population by sparing them exposure to germs and viruses commonly
22 present in public places like the California Department of Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the California
24 Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt a photograph identification policy similar to the law of
25 the State of New Jersey allowing patients undergoing medical treatment whose physical

1 characteristics have been changed due to medical treatment to request an extension of the
2 stored photograph on their driver's license or identification card; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the
4 California Department of Motor Vehicles to allow individuals undergoing medical treatment
5 that may temporary alter their physical appearance the option of keeping their headscarf or
6 headgear on for driver's license or identification card photographs; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the
8 California State Legislature to draft a law on adopting a photograph identification policy similar
9 to the law of the State of New Jersey allowing patients undergoing medical treatment whose
10 physical characteristics have been changed due to medical treatment to request an extension
11 of the stored photograph on their driver's license or identification card; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
13 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the California Department of Motor
14 Vehicles, Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember David
15 Chiu and Assemblymember Phil Ting.

om: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:03 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors
Cc: BOS Legislation, (BOS)
Subject: FW: Drivers License photos for people undergoing treatment that will alter their appearance
Categories: 200227

From: Julie Klee <jjkle@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Drivers License photos for people undergoing treatment that will alter their appearance

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Dear Esteemed Supervisors,

Please consider taking action to make it an option at the DMV that people undergoing treatment may use the photo on file for the Drivers License or ID photos rather than be required to use a photo that shows their appearance altered by temporary hair loss due to chemo, for example.

This seems a small accommodation to soften one of the stressors of treatment that could be avoided. I hope you can help,

Julie Klee, constituent of Matt Haney

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:01 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors
Cc: BOS Legislation, (BOS)
Subject: FW: Support Walton Cancer Patient DMV Photo Resolution

Categories: 200227

From: Linda Graham <lindagraham.mft@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support Walton Cancer Patient DMV Photo Resolution

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing on behalf of a good friend of mine, [REDACTED], and other friends, [REDACTED], who have faced similar emotional devastation because of losing their (beautiful) hair as a result of chemotherapy.

I firmly believe that California should adopt a policy that treats cancer patients whose physical characteristics have been temporarily changed due to medical treatment, i.e., chemotherapy, with dignity and respect when it comes to Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) license and identification card pictures.

This policy would follow a New Jersey law that states, "Any person undergoing medical treatment for an illness, whose physical characteristics have been temporarily changed due to medical treatment, may request an extension of the stored photo on their driver's license." See https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/photo_extension.htm (Extension of New Jersey Driver's License Photo Due to Medical Treatment, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-10f).

The Resolution put forth by Supervisor Shamann Walton is the first step in ensuring that California shows the same awareness, kindness, and compassion that New Jersey has shown its hundreds of thousands of residents dealing with significant or total hair loss from chemotherapy when it comes time for them to renew their license or identification card at the DMV.

Because of my friends' experiences, I am writing to ask that you support the resolution put forth by Supervisor Shamann Walton urging the California Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt a photo identification policy allowing patients undergoing medical treatment whose physical characteristics have been changed due to medical treatment to request a temporary extension of the stored photo on their driver's license or identification card.

Please consider allowing those who've had their appearance altered due to any medical condition/treatment to re-use an old picture. This would be an easy, kind and compassionate way to provide support to those struggling. It is simply the right thing to do for the many vulnerable people faced with a life-threatening illness.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message and to support Supervisor Walton's resolution.

Linda Graham
SF resident for more than 10 years

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [] inquiries"
- 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. []
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Walton, Safai, Preston, Fener, Mandelman, Haney, Peskin,

Subject:

Urging the California Department of Motor Vehicles to Adopt a Photograph Identification Policy Allowing Patients Undergoing Medical Treatment Whose Physical Characteristics Have Been Changed Due to Medical Treatment to Request a Temporary Extension of the Stored Photograph on Their Driver's License or Identification Card

The text is listed:

Resolution urging the California Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt a photograph identification policy allowing patients undergoing medical treatment whose physical characteristics have been changed due to medical treatment to request a temporary extension of the stored photograph on their driver's license or identification card.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: []

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