

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 693 (Stern) - The Never Again Education Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 693, The Never Again Education**  
4 **Act, authored by Senator Henry Stern, that would establish the Governor’s Council on**  
5 **Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote**  
6 **implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an**  
7 **annual report to the Legislature.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League’s most recent Audit of Antisemitic Incidents  
10 in the United States counted a total of 2,107 antisemitic incidents across the nation, the  
11 highest level since tracking began in 1979; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Millennial Holocaust Awareness Survey, the first 50-  
13 state survey of Holocaust knowledge among Millennials and members of Generation Z, adults  
14 aged between 18 and 39, nearly half (48 percent) could not name a single concentration  
15 camp or ghetto established during World War II; almost a quarter (23 percent) said they  
16 believed the Holocaust was a myth or had been exaggerated, or that they weren’t sure; and  
17 63 percent did not know that six million Jews were murdered during the Holocaust; and

18 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigations reported that in 2019, anti-Jewish  
19 incidents led among religiously-motivated hate crimes in California; and

20 WHEREAS, Existing law requires the California Department of Education to  
21 incorporate age-appropriate materials related to genocide and the Holocaust into publications  
22 that provide examples of curriculum resources for teacher use, consistent with the subject  
23 frameworks on history and social science; and

24 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 693 would establish the Governor’s  
25 Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote

1 implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an annual  
2 report to the Legislature; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bill would strongly encourage school districts and charter schools with  
4 students in grades four through 12 to integrate the best practices that meet existing academic  
5 content standards and the history-social science curriculum framework for these students into  
6 instruction on genocide, including the Holocaust, in addition to requiring that the California  
7 Department of Education conduct a study on the manner in which the instruction is offered to  
8 assess its impact; and

9 WHEREAS, The Bill also recommends instruction on the Armenian genocide, the  
10 Rwandan genocide, and other genocides committed across the world, and recommends the  
11 study of other crimes against humanity, such as the internment of Japanese Americans and  
12 Japanese immigrants during World War II; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Senate Bill No.  
14 693, The Never Again Education Act, which would establish the Governor's Council on  
15 Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote  
16 implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an annual  
17 report to the Legislature; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a  
19 copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the author of the Bill, and all members of the  
20 Legislature representing the City and County of San Francisco.

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