

1 [Motion Declaring Solidarity and Support for Youth Protesting Against Anti-LGBTQ+
2 Legislation]

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4 **Motion declaring solidarity and support for San Francisco youth protesting**
5 **against anti-LGBTQ+ legislation nationwide.**

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7 WHEREAS, Queer youth are being targeted with discriminatory laws and policies
8 across the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, 2023 has seen a record amount of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation
10 introduced in state legislatures across the nation,¹ with at least 340 pieces of legislation
11 targeting the LGBTQ+ community having been introduced; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2022, 315 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in state legislatures
13 across the United States,² with 29 ultimately being signed into law; and

14 WHEREAS, These continued attacks on the rights and well-being of queer
15 people disproportionately target queer youth, with bills prohibiting schools to discuss
16 queer people and issues,³ and banning transgender youth from participating in
17 extracurricular sports consistent with their gender identities⁴; and

18 WHEREAS, These anti-LGBTQ+ bills have helped propel fear and
19 misunderstanding of LGBTQ+ people, particularly queer youth, across the United
20 States; and

21 WHEREAS, On March 25th, 2023, two queer middle school students organized a
22 demonstration titled “Youth 4 Trans Liberation” to protest recent anti-trans legislation
23 that would ban gender affirming healthcare for youth; and

24 WHEREAS, The goal of the march was to bring together the transgender
25 community in San Francisco to center trans youth voices on anti-trans legislation, as
26 well as to show solidarity with the transgender community in states with anti-trans
27 legislation in effect; and

28 WHEREAS, A coalition of queer high school students in San Francisco organized
29 a school walkout in protest of these discriminatory laws and proposed legislation on
30 March 31, 2023; and

¹ *Human Rights Campaign Working to Defeat 340 Anti-LGBTQ+ Bills at State Level Already, 150 of Which Target Transgender People – Highest Number on Record*, Human Rights Campaign, 2/15/2023 (<https://www.hrc.org/press-releases/human-rights-campaign-working-to-defeat-340-anti-lgbtq-bills-at-state-level-already-150-of-which-target-transgender-people-highest-number-on-record>)

² *2022 State Equality Index Report*, Human Rights Campaign (<https://reports.hrc.org/2022-state-equality-index>)

³ *Florida's governor signs controversial law opponents dubbed 'Don't Say Gay'*, Jaclyn Diaz, National Public Radio, 3/28/2022 (<https://www.npr.org/2022/03/28/1089221657/dont-say-gay-florida-desantis>)

⁴ *Bans on Transgender Youth Participation in Sports*, Movement Advancement Project (MAP) (https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/sports_participation_bans)

1 WHEREAS, The goal of the walkout was to center the voices of queer and trans
2 youth, raising awareness on pressing national issues and creating an empowering
3 space to fully embrace LGBTQ+ identities and celebrate queer joy; and therefore be it

4 MOVED, That the Youth Commission declares solidarity with and support for San
5 Francisco youth protesting against anti-LGBTQ+ legislation nationwide.