[Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Refuge - Senate Bill 107]

Resolution in support of California Senate Bill 107 by Senator Scott Wiener in the 2021-2022 session of the California State Legislature to protect and grant refuge to transgender and gender non-binary kids and their parents fleeing states separating children from their parents, criminalize the parents, or criminalize people coming to CA to receive gender-affirming care, and urging the Board of Supervisors to support the aforesaid legislation.

WHEREAS, State Legislators and Governors, including those in the states of Idaho, Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, and Alabama, are committing blatant legal and social attacks against transgender and gender non-binary youth across the United States, and

WHEREAS, 33 State Legislatures had anti-transgender and gender non-binary legislation introduced across the United States in 2021<sup>1</sup>, and

WHEREAS, 20 State Legislatures have had bills introduced to restrict or end gender-affirming care across the United States in 2022<sup>2</sup>, and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a directive to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services on February 22, 2022 directing the Department to investigate parents of transgender and gender non-binary children, claiming that gender-affirming care could constitute "child abuse"<sup>3</sup>, and

WHEREAS, Texas is also proposing to remove transgender and gender non-binary children from their parents and place them in foster care while in turn jailing the parents, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This record-breaking year for anti-transgender legislation would affect minors the most, CNN 4/15/2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Freedom for ALL Americans Legislative Tracker: Youth Healthcare Bans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Texas governor calls on citizens to report parents of transgender kids for abuse, NBC News 2/23/2022

WHEREAS, San Francisco and the State of California have historically been places of safe haven for legal and social protection for members of the queer community, including transgender and gender non-binary people; and

WHEREAS, as attacks against transgender and gender non-binary youth across the United States continue, it is the responsibility of San Francisco and the State of California to ensure transgender and gender non-binary people, particularly youth, continue to be protected and welcomed, and

WHEREAS, California Senator Scott Wiener has introduced California Senate Bill 107 in the 2021-2022 Session of the California State Legislature to protect transgender and gender non-binary kids and their parents seeking refuge in California<sup>4</sup>, and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 107, if enacted, will reject any out-of-state court judgments that remove trans kids from their parents based on parents allowing their kids to receive gender-affirming healthcare, and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 107, if enacted, will make out-of-state court judgments removing trans kids from their parents based on parents allowing their kids to receive gender-affirming healthcare against California public policy and will preclude those judgments from being enforced in California courts, and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 107, if enacted, will bar compliance in California with any out-of-state subpoenas seeking health or related information about people who come to California to receive gender-affirming care, if the subpoena relates to efforts to criminalize people, or remove children, based on receiving gender-affirming care, and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 107, if enacted, will make it public policy that out-of-state arrest warrants for someone based on violating another state's law against

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> California Senate Bill No. 107

receiving gender-affirming care will be the lowest law enforcement priority in California, and

WHEREAS, California Senators Toni Atkins, Susan Eggman, and John Laird and California Assemblymembers Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Mia Bonta, Sabrina Cervantes, Matt Haney, Ash Kalra, Alex Lee, Evan Low, and Chris Ward have co-sponsored California Senate Bill 107, and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 107, if enacted, will take action and play offense to ensure that the LGBTQ+ community is protected and welcomed in California, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 San Francisco Youth Commission declares support for California Senate Bill 107 in the 2021-2022 Session of the California State Legislature to protect transgender and gender non-binary kids and their parents seeking refuge in California, and

RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support California Senate Bill 107 in the 2021-2022 Session of the California State Legislature for the aforementioned reasons, and

RESOLVED, that the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to transmit copies of this resolution to members of the California State Senate, California State Assembly, and the Office of the Governor of California.