

1 [Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support the establishment of a statewide
2 Office of the Homeless Youth Advocate (AB 2547)]
3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board to support the establishment of a statewide**
4 **office of the Homeless Youth Advocate, which, as laid out in Assembly Bill 2547, would**
5 **improve coordination of services, reduce barriers to service provision, reduce**
6 **expenditures related to overlapping services, and ensure quality of services provided.**
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8 WHEREAS, There has been an increase in homeless youth in California, there has not
9 been new resources dedicated to this population since the 1980's; and
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11 WHEREAS, Due to the rise in foreclosures, unemployment and other factors,
12 homelessness is on the rise across the country; and
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14 WHEREAS, Nationally there are between 1.6 and 2.1 million youth ages 12-24 who are
15 homeless over the course of a year;¹ and
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17 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 homeless youth living on L.A.
18 County streets and another 10,000 living in the Bay Area;² and
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20 WHEREAS, In Contra Costa County there was a 37% increase in youth homelessness
21 between 2010 and 2011;³ and
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25 ¹ <http://cahomelessyouth.library.ca.gov/docs/pdf/A-QuickOverview-of-HY-inCA.pdf>

² <http://covenanthousecalifornia.org/statistics-pg.php>

³ <http://newamericamedia.org/2011/10/youth-homelessness-on-the-rise-in-richmond-ca.php>

1 WHEREAS, The majority of these youth will not receive access to housing services
2 because of a lack of funding; and

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4 WHEREAS, In Los Angeles there are only 468 beds that are suppose to serve 12,000
5 to 15,000 youth (2); and

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7 WHEREAS, There are many organizations in California that serve homeless youth,
8 there is little collaboration between nonprofits and government-funded programs; and

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10 WHEREAS, The creation of a statewide Office of the Homeless Youth Advocate, as
11 laid out in AB 2547 (Blumenfield), which is currently being considered by the California State
12 Legislature, would improve the coordination of services for homeless youth; and

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14 WHEREAS, The Office Homeless Youth Advocate would also save the state money by
15 reducing expenditures related to overlapping of services; and

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17 WHEREAS, Overall, the Office of the Homeless Youth advocate would reduce barriers
18 to service and ensure that more homeless youth are provided with quality services that will
19 greatly improve their living conditions and lives; now, therefore, be it

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21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges Mayor Lee and the
22 Board of Supervisors to support AB 2547 and the creation of a statewide Office of the
23 Homeless Youth Advocate.

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