

1 [State Grant Program - Homeless Youth - Assembly Bill 307]
2 **Resolution declaring support for Assembly Bill 307 by Assembly Member Reyes in the**
3 **2019-2020 session of the California State Legislature to establish a grant program to**
4 **support youth experiencing homelessness and to prevent and end homelessness, and**
5 **urging the Board of Supervisors to support the aforesaid legislation.**

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7 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,300 Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”), defined as youth
8 between the ages of 18 and 24, currently experience homelessness in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 49% of TAY experiencing homelessness in San Francisco
10 identify as LGBTQ+; and

11 WHEREAS, The federal government has found that California accounts for one third of
12 the nation’s population of youth under the age of 25 experiencing homelessness; and

13 WHEREAS, Existing available supportive services and infrastructure are not sufficient
14 to serve and house the population experiencing homelessness in San Francisco and
15 California; and

16 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 307 by Assembly Member Reyes in the 2019-2020 session
17 of the California State Legislature (“AB 307”), would, if passed, require the state Homeless
18 Coordinating and Financing Council to develop and administer a three-year recurring grant
19 program to support youth experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth; and

20 WHEREAS, The aggregate annual amount dedicated to the AB 307 grant program
21 would total \$100,000,000; and

22 WHEREAS, Both private nonprofit agencies with demonstrated records of success and
23 experience delivering services to youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk youth and
24 continuum of care entities with demonstrated records of success would be eligible to apply for
25 AB 307 grants; and

1 WHEREAS, Grant applicants would be required to demonstrate that services would be
2 provided within a framework of positive, culturally competent youth development, and would
3 provide substance abuse treatment, education, prevention, and early-intervention services;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Grant funds would be required to supplement existing services, and would
6 be prohibited from being used to replace existing local, state, or federal funding; and

7 WHEREAS, Numerous private nonprofit agencies currently offer services to youth
8 experiencing homelessness in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, However these existing private nonprofit agencies, as well as San
10 Francisco's continuum of care entities, such as the Department of Homelessness and
11 Supportive Housing, lack adequate funding and direction towards serving the full population of
12 youth experiencing homelessness in San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, AB 307, if passed, would provide an additional source of state funding for
14 expanded services for youth and TAY experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth and TAY
15 in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission of the City and County of San Francisco
17 declares support for AB 307; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
19 support AB 307 for the aforementioned reasons, and with the intent to encourage local private
20 nonprofit agencies delivering services to youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk youth
21 and continuum of care entities to apply for an AB 307 grant if the bill is enacted; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to
23 transmit copies of this resolution to the California State Assembly Committee on Human
24 Services, the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations, and further committees
25 to which AB 307 is assigned as the legislative session progresses.



Bahlam Vigil, Chair, 2018-19 Youth Commission
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