Resolution declaring support for Assembly Bill 307 by Assembly Member Reyes in the 2019-2020 session of the California State Legislature to establish a grant program to support youth experiencing homelessness and to prevent and end homelessness, and urging the Board of Supervisors to support the aforesaid legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Both private nonprofit agencies with demonstrated records of success and experience delivering services to youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk youth and continuum of care entities with demonstrated records of success would be eligible to apply for AB 307 grants; and
WHEREAS, Grant applicants would be required to demonstrate that services would be
provided within a framework of positive, culturally competent youth development, and would
provide substance abuse treatment, education, prevention, and early-intervention services;
and
WHEREAS, Grant funds would be required to supplement existing services, and would
be prohibited from being used to replace existing local, state, or federal funding; and
WHEREAS, Numerous private nonprofit agencies currently offer services to youth
experiencing homelessness in San Francisco; and
WHEREAS, However these existing private nonprofit agencies, as well as San
Francisco's continuum of care entities, such as the Department of Homelessness and
Supportive Housing, lack adequate funding and direction towards serving the full population of
youth experiencing homelessness in San Francisco; and
WHEREAS, AB 307, if passed, would provide an additional source of state funding for
expanded services for youth and TAY experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth and TAY
in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission of the City and County of San Francisco
declares support for AB 307; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
support AB 307 for the aforementioned reasons, and with the intent to encourage local private
nonprofit agencies delivering services to youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk youth
and continuum of care entities to apply for an AB 307 grant if the bill is enacted; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to
transmit copies of this resolution to the California State Assembly Committee on Human
Services, the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations, and further committees
to which AB 307 is assigned as the legislative session progresses.
Bahlam Vigil, Chair, 2018-19 Youth Commission
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