

1 **[Motion to Support SB 472: Pupil Health: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication]**

2 **Supplemental Information:**

3 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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**RE: Support for SB 472: Pupil Health: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication**

Dear Senator Melissa Hurtado, Senator Bob Archuleta, and Senator Richard Roth,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports your bill SB 472: Pupil Health: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication. This bill would ensure a decline in opioid overdose deaths by requiring California school districts, the county office of education, and charter schools to maintain naloxone at all times, while those who fail to exercise this authorization to distribute naloxone will have to report to the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Care Services.

The Youth Commission is composed of seventeen youths, between the ages of 12 to 23, who represent the diverse communities of San Francisco. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Youth Commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

The Youth Commission's Transformative Justice Committee specifically has a longstanding history of advocating for substance-abuse resources, immigration rights, youth incarceration, along with several other issues. The Transformative Justice Committee recently passed Resolution NO. 2223-AL-08 [Combating Fentanyl Usage in Youth], advocating for the implementation of a Narcan Program in all San Francisco Schools. In San Francisco specifically, teen drug use has rapidly increased over the years: 253 in 2019, 680 in 2020, and 880 in 2021; and in the United States, fentanyl is at fault for 77 percent of drug-related deaths among teenagers. Having Naloxone on hand is an efficient and life-saving treatment that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses. Moreover, since more than one in three opioid overdoses involve witnesses, with the correct equipment, like Naloxone, bystanders can take action to prevent overdose deaths. Additionally, about 16 percent of individuals who acquire take-home Naloxone from schools have helped to reverse an opioid overdose, demonstrating the importance of having necessary tools like Naloxone.

Thus, the impact that this bill would have on youth and all people who have drug addictions in California would be trailblazing and have a positive impact on generations to come.

For all these reasons, the Youth Commission supports SB 472, and we thank you all for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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