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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lisa Lew, Legislative Clerk, Board of Supervisors

**CC:** Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

**FROM:** 2022-2023 Youth Commission

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023

**RE:** SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS File No. 230326

At its in-person meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 the Youth Commission took the following action:

1. Motion to support File No. 230326 Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hate and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+ protections.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554- 6446 with any questions. Thank you.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Youth Development Specialist  
Youth Commission

FROM: Lisa Lew, Legislative Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 30, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors have received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Dean Preston on March 21, 2023:

**File No. 230326**

**Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hate and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+ protections.**

If you have any additional comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [bos.legislation@sfgov.org](mailto:bos.legislation@sfgov.org)

cc: Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Youth Commission

1 [Protection of Transgender and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Youth And Adults]

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3 **Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in**  
4 **San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay,**  
5 **bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults’ lives and gender expression from hate**  
6 **and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+**  
7 **protections.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2022, the country witnessed unprecedented levels of extremist ring-  
10 wing transphobic and queerphobic rhetoric and violence across the United States; and;

11 WHEREAS, Elected officials and candidates across the nation have espoused  
12 extremist rhetoric to promote their political platforms founded on hatred, intention to harm, and  
13 the scapegoating of transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) people; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a vibrant hub of queer culture for local residents; a  
15 destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world; and a globally  
16 recognized source of inspiration for resistance, freedom, and respect for transgender and  
17 LGBQ+ people; and

18 WHEREAS, The City is a sanctuary destination for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and  
19 transgender individuals fleeing discrimination and violence across the United States and  
20 globally; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically been the epicenter of political and  
22 legislative victories promoting equality and protections for the LGBTQ+ community, including  
23 the early sanctioning of same-sex marriage, the election of Harvey Milk, and an early historic  
24 ban on discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual  
25 orientation; and

1           WHEREAS, San Francisco is also a global epicenter for drag entertainment and culture  
2 with a rich and extensive history of drag as a medium of liberation for transgender and queer  
3 individuals dating back to the early twenty-first century; and

4           WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically supported transgender and LGBTQ+ youth,  
5 and schools have mandates to support LGBTQ+ students by preventing bullying, referring to  
6 students by their gender pronouns and name, respecting students' dress and behavior  
7 regardless of whether it conforms with stereotypes associated with their gender, and providing  
8 access to gender-neutral restrooms; and

9           WHEREAS, The extremist rhetoric has catalyzed violent attacks and harassment of  
10 LGBTQ+ spaces and drag artists by individuals exhibiting hatred towards transgender and  
11 queer people, including in San Francisco; and

12           WHEREAS, Spaces dedicated for refuge, community, and boundless gender  
13 expression, as characterized by the artistry of drag, for the LGBTQ+ community are no longer  
14 perceived as safe and free of violence; and

15           WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults have been targeted through  
16 legislation and cruel initiatives by extremists all over the country, including Alabama, Arizona,  
17 Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri,  
18 Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South  
19 Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and  
20 Wyoming; and

21           WHEREAS, Nationwide efforts to suppress LGBTQ+ history and education, prevent  
22 students from using their pronouns without fear of retaliation, and vilify drag performers  
23 continue to spread nationwide; and

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1           WHEREAS, Transgender youth and adults have been especially targeted through  
2 proposed bans on and restrictions on the provision, coverage, and availability of gender-  
3 affirming healthcare; and

4           WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has recognized the importance and  
5 medical necessity of gender-affirming care for youth; and

6           WHEREAS, Transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer history intersects with the  
7 history of poor, homeless, and criminalized people, as well as Black, Indigenous, and other  
8 people of color, and is ultimately intimately tied with their liberation; and

9           WHEREAS, San Francisco-based transgender and LGBTQ+ programs and providers  
10 have received hate and harassment after announcing transgender-focused programs; and

11           WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBTQ+ students, their parents, and others have been  
12 subjected to harassment in San Francisco's public spaces; and

13           WHEREAS, The increasing use of transphobic and queerphobic extremist rhetoric as a  
14 political strategy demands a renewal by San Francisco leaders of the city's commitment to  
15 continue to be a sanctuary for the LGBTQ+ community; and

16           WHEREAS, The connection between safety in LGBTQ+ spaces and protections for  
17 trans youth and adults is undeniable and must be prioritized; and, be it therefore

18           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commits to protecting  
19 transgender and LGBTQ youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hateful conduct;  
20 and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges elected officials, schools, and youth-  
22 serving institutions in San Francisco to adopt and implement policies and programs to  
23 celebrate and protect transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the educational development, safety,  
2 and academic inclusion of transgender youth in schools and youth-serving institutions; and,  
3 be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the prompt implementation of the  
5 Queer Transgender Parent Advisory Council by the San Francisco Unified School District  
6 (SFUSD) to help the district create a welcoming and protective environment for its queer and  
7 transgender students and families amid continued anti-queer and anti-trans sentiment around  
8 the country; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on SFUSD to affirm and ensure  
10 compliance with the California School Success and Opportunity Act (Assembly Bill 1266);  
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes that access to gender-affirming  
13 care is crucial and can be lifesaving; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board will continue to fund social programs  
15 benefiting transgender adults and youth at risk of, and currently experiencing, homelessness;  
16 and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns hateful anti-trans  
18 attacks, both in San Francisco and beyond, as well as the growing list of anti-trans legislation  
19 introduced and enacted in dozens of states across the nation; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for the protection of  
21 transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults in San Francisco.

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