

1 [Motion to Submit Letter of Support for SB 997]

2 **Motion to urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and San Francisco Mayor**

3 **London Breed to support Senate Bill 997**

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission is a chartered body in the
5 City and County of San Francisco implying the voice of youth in government spaces;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 997 would permit students in middle and highschool to
8 carry a federally approved Naloxone Hydrochloride Nasal Spray by supplying it in
9 schools that are operated by a school district; and

10 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and
11 funding of Naloxone programs in all San Francisco public schools, shown in our 2022-
12 2023, and 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission values the access to Naloxone for youth in
14 San Francisco and the knowledge to administer it safely. It is essential to take
15 preventative measures to promote the health and well-being of youth in San Francisco
16 by ensuring that all students ranging from middle school to high school have access to
17 Naloxone Hydrochloride Nasal Spray; and

18 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission further encourages the implementation of
19 comprehensive drug education in schools and community spaces by making sure that
20 all individuals know how to utilize Naloxone and fentanyl testing strips effectively, and
21 that their usage as life-saving devices are destigmatized in communities; and therefore
22 be it

1 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
2 Board of Supervisors and San Francisco Mayor London Breed to support Senate Bill
3 997.

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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Senator Anthony J. Portantino
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1021 O Street, Suite 7630
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Re: Support the promotion of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray and fentanyl testing

Dear the Office of Senator Anthony J. Portantino,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, SB 997 (Portantino). SB 997 would permit students in middle and highschool to carry a federally approved Naloxone Hydrochloride Nasal Spray by supplying it in schools that are operated by a school district.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor 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 of Supervisors takes final action.

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The Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and funding of Naloxone programs in all San Francisco public schools, shown in our 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities. Commissioners have been actively engaging with public school students to learn about the quality of Naloxone education and how that varies differently from each school. The Youth Commission values the access to Naloxone for youth in San Francisco and the knowledge to administer it safely. It is essential to take preventative measures to promote the health and well-being of youth in San Francisco by ensuring that all students ranging from middle school to high school have access to Naloxone Hydrochloride Nasal Spray. In our 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities, we also acknowledge the importance of fentanyl testing strips in further ensuring the safety of youth. It is vital that when emergencies arise at schools, there are safe procedures that can be taken to immediately assist the student and provide medical necessities.

The Youth Commission further encourages the implementation of comprehensive drug education in schools and community spaces by making sure that all individuals know how to utilize Naloxone and fentanyl testing strips effectively, and that their usage as life-saving devices are destigmatized in communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this pressing concern for youth.

Sincerely,

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Ewan Barker Plummer, Chair

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