

1 [Support for AB 1955: Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth Act]
2 **Motion supporting Assembly Bill 1955: Protection of LGBTQ+ youth from forced**
3 **outing by public education institutions and urging the Mayor, Board of**
4 **Supervisors, and San Francisco's members of the State Legislature to support.**

5 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1955, introduced Assemblyman Chris Ward
6 (California Assembly District 78), will prohibit all public education entities from creating
7 any policy that would require the non-consensual disclosure of a student's gender
8 identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation to any other person; and

9 WHEREAS, AB 1955 would also prohibit any employee or contractor from non-
10 consensually disclosing a person's gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual
11 orientation to any other person; and

12 WHEREAS, AB 1955 would prohibit any employees and governing members of
13 public educational institutions from responding to an employee who supported their
14 fellow workers in exercising their rights surrounding gender and sexual identity with
15 negative consequences; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Trevor Project 2024 Nation Survey, 52% of
17 LGBTQ+ youth found an affirming space at school and 54% of transgender and
18 nonbinary found school to be an affirming space; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the same survey, just 40% of LGBTQ+ youth and 38%
20 of transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be an affirming space;

21 WHEREAS, According to the Trevor Project 2024 National Survey, 37% of
22 transgender and nonbinary youth reported being in a household where their pronouns
23 were not respected; and

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1 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, many school districts throughout California
2 and the country have begun requiring teachers and administrators to disclose a
3 students sexual orientation or gender identity to the students family; and

4 WHEREAS, These policies not only break the trust between student and faculty,
5 but also deliberately put LGBTQ+ students at risk if they live in an unsupportive
6 environment at home; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has had a long history of supporting LGBTQ+ rights;
8 and therefore may it be

9 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports Assembly Bill
10 1955: Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth Act; and be it

11 FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San
12 Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed to support Assembly Bill
13 1955.

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2 **Youth Act]**

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

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6 See attached document: [Letter of Support]

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Re: Supporting Assembly Bill 1955: Protection of LGBTQ+ youth from forced outing by public education institutions

Dear Assemblymember Ward,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 1955 (Ward). AB 1955 will prohibit all public education entities from creating any policy that would require the non consensual disclosure of a student's gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation to any other person.

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.

The Youth Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing the safety and rights of LGBTQ+ youth. Schools often serve as safe spaces for young people to openly

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express themselves without fear of retaliation from family members–this is under threat across California and the United States because of extreme policies requiring educators to out students. It is essential that state leaders take action to support and protect LGBTQ+ youth.

Sincerely,

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2023-2024 Chair, San Francisco Youth Commission
