[Resolution urging the California State Assembly to provide loan repayment assistance to attorneys working in public interest law and primary care medical providers who serve poor communities.]

Resolution urging the California State Assembly to pass AB 935, a bill that would provide loan repayment assistance to attorneys working in public interest law, and to amend AB 935 to extend debt relief to primary care medical providers who serve poor communities.

WHEREAS, Recent law and medical school graduates often face staggering educational debt burdens that, in combination with the high cost of living in California, make it nearly economically impossible for them to choose public service careers; and

WHEREAS, The shortage of medical and legal professionals who work in poor and underserved communities threatens medical care and access to justice for the poor in San Francisco and across California; and

WHEREAS, Existing educational debt relief programs are inadequate to solve the problem, since the National Health Service Corps currently turns away two out of every three applicants and expects to turn away an even greater percentage in the future, and there are only six law schools in the country which provide sufficient debt repayment assistance for new public interest attorneys to make ends meet (only one of which is in California); and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 935 would supplement, not replace, existing law school loan repayment programs, and currently does not extend coverage to medical practitioners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Assembly to amend AB 935 to extend coverage to primary care medical providers who serve poor communities; and, be it

Supervisor Matt Gonzalez
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That it shall be the official position of the City and County of San Francisco to support AB 935, a bill to provide educational debt relief to public interest attorneys in California; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the City’s legislative lobbyist to advocate on behalf of this bill in the California State Assembly and Senate.
Resolution urging the California State Assembly to pass AB 936, a bill that would provide loan repayment assistance to attorneys working in public interest law, and to amend AB 935 to extend debt relief to primary care medical providers who serve poor communities.

May 7, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin
Absent: 3 - Newsom, Sandoval, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 7, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
for Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.