

1 [Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1172]

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3 **Resolution supporting California Senate Bill 1172, which bans sexual orientation**
4 **change efforts for minors in the State of California.**

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6 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1172, which would ban children under the age of eighteen from
7 undergoing sexual orientation change efforts, is currently pending in the California State
8 Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, An individual's sexual orientation is not a disease, disorder, or illness; and

10 WHEREAS, There is no evidence that any type of psychotherapy can change a
11 person's sexual orientation; and

12 WHEREAS, Such practices of sexual orientation change efforts pose detrimental
13 mental health risks to gay, lesbian and bisexual people including depression, guilt,
14 hopelessness, shame, suicidal ideation and substance abuse, among other forms of
15 psychological and emotional distress; and

16 WHEREAS, Minors who experience rejection by their family based on their sexual
17 orientation face a variety of critical health issues, including depression, illegal drug use, and
18 suicide attempts; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological
20 Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Association of Marriage and
21 Family Therapists, the National Association of Social Workers, and the American Academy of
22 Pediatrics oppose efforts to change the sexual orientation of any individual; and

23 WHEREAS, SB 1172 prohibits therapists from engaging in harmful practices that seek
24 to change a minor's sexual orientation or the expression of the young person's sexual
25 orientation; and

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is home to a large and diverse
2 LGBT community, including many LGBT people who have come to San Francisco as a refuge
3 from discrimination and oppress, San Francisco being unwaivering in its commitment to
4 provide a safe and respectful environment for individuals from all walks of life; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports California SB
7 1172.



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Resolution

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June 19, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

File No. 120680

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/19/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor

6/29/12

Date Approved

Date: June 29, 2012

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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