

1 [Urging the California State Assembly to Pass Assembly Bill 336]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 336, which**
4 **states that possession of one or more condoms shall not be used as evidence of**
5 **soliciting or engaging in prostitution in the State of California.**

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7 WHEREAS, It is established that condoms are one of the most effective tools in
8 preventing the transmission of HIV, sexually transmitted infections and unwanted
9 pregnancies; and

10 WHEREAS, All individuals have the right to protect themselves through accessing,
11 possessing and utilizing safer sex strategies including condoms; and

12 WHEREAS, It is harmful to public health efforts to in any way deter persons from
13 possessing and utilizing condoms; and

14 WHEREAS, The practice of confiscating, photographing or otherwise using the
15 possession of condoms as evidence of a person's intent to engage in prostitution effectively
16 deters the possession and use of condoms thereby increasing their risk of HIV transmission;
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18 WHEREAS, The public health cost of criminalizing condoms and thereby deterring their
19 use is found to be greater than the cost of finding alternative evidence in prostitution arrests;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the prohibition of using condoms
22 as evidence of prostitution; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the
24 passage of Assembly Bill 336.

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