[Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1017 (Eggman) -The Keeping Survivors Housed Act]

Resolution urging the California State Senate to pass Senate Bill No. 1017, introduced by Senator Susan Eggman, which will allow survivors of domestic violence and other violent acts, who are tenants, to maintain their current housing and avoid eviction, significantly increasing their safety and providing much-needed stability as they heal from trauma.

WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, elder or dependent adult abuse, and other forms of crime are at increased risk of housing instability; and

WHEREAS, An ACLU report stated that 50% of U.S. cities surveyed reported that domestic violence is a primary cause of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, 57% of unhoused women reported domestic violence was an immediate cause of their homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The threat of housing insecurity causes victims to stay in abusive relationships – exposing loved ones of all ages to continued violence; and

WHEREAS, Several gaps in current state law leave survivors at risk and unable to access protections for survivors under California Code of Civil Procedure Section1161.3; and

WHEREAS, Survivors who lack required documentation of abuse, survivors who previously shared tenancy with their abusive partner, and survivors who lose the protection because the abusive partner returned to the property -even without the survivor's consent or for common sense reasons such as collecting their belongings or child custody exchanges, all are unable to access protections; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220302, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, will help ensure that no survivor can be evicted because of acts of abuse committed against them; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will support survivors, their families, and their loved ones, stay safely housed by expanding allowable documentation of the violence to include documentation from a victim of violent crime advocate, or other documentation that reasonably proves the victimization and is acceptable to the court; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will eliminate a loophole in current law, which does not allow survivors to utilize eviction protection if the abusive person was also a tenant at the property and no longer lives there; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will eliminate language in current statute that invalidates protections if the survivor "allows" the abusive person to visit the property, which does not reflect the research-based realities of domestic violence relationships; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will revoke eviction protections only if the tenant voluntarily allows the abusive person's presence at the property and the perpetrator poses a threat to the safety of another person at the property; and

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WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will provide survivors with the option to remain in the unit on the same terms as the previous lease, and ensuring the survivor will not be a party in the eviction case, if the court finds the landlord ended the tenancy because of the abuse; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1017 will provide survivors, household members, and immediate family members who terminate their lease early a cause of action if their landlord fails to comply with the law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to pass Senate Bill No. 1017, introduced by Senator Susan Eggman; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Susan Eggman, the California State Legislature, and Governor Gavin Newsom.



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Resolution

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April 05, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220302

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/5/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned London N. Breed

Mayor

4/15/2022

Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board