[Supporting Assembly Constitution Amendment No. 5 (Weber, Gipson) to Repeal Proposition 209]

Resolution supporting Assembly Constitution Amendment No. 5, introduced by Assembly Members Shirley Weber and Mike Gipson, a California Constitutional Amendment for the November 3, 2020, General Election, to repeal Proposition 209 and reinstate affirmative action in public contracting, hiring, and public education.

WHEREAS, In 1996, Governor Pete Wilson spearheaded the passage of Proposition 209, preventing equal opportunity in contracting, hiring, and education in city, county, public university system, community college district, school district, special district, or other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, California is one of only eight states that outlaw policies to promote equal opportunities, and states with affirmative action policies see greater gains for women and students, businesses, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Contrary to popular belief, Proposition 209 has had a negative impact on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, with AAPI business facing increased discrimination and loss of public contracting dollars, and declined admissions for AAPI students to the University of California system since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Repealing Proposition 209 would level the playing field for women in government contracts, where women and people of color have lost $1.1 billion annually, and especially in the University of California system, where women make up 54 percent of students, yet only account for 33 percent of tenured faculty and 39 percent of senior leadership, and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 209, Black and Latino students admitted to the University of California decreased between 12 and 60 percent, depending on the
University and Latinos employed by the State of California have decreased significantly since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Constitution Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) will repeal Proposition 209 and reinstate affirmative action in public contracting, hiring and public education, which is estimated to generate an additional $138 billion in personal income for California families; and,

WHEREAS, The current COVID-19 pandemic has had a demonstrated and disproportionate impact on minority-owned small businesses and an equitable economic recovery must included targeted, race-conscious governmental intervention; and

WHEREAS, Now, more than ever, we must support and pass ACA 5 in order to ensure that the most impacted communities receive equitable support and to take a strong stance against racism, sexism, and xenophobia, and the current policies on the federal level that use race and gender to divide our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco affirms their support to hire more women; invest in businesses owned by Latinos, African-Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans; and expand access to higher education; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports ACA 5, and urges support among the members of California’s State Delegation and Governor; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.
Resolution

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May 05, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200434

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/5/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

05/15/2020

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.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/15/2020

Date