

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1414 (Ransom) - Internet Service Provider
2 Subscriptions]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1414, Internet Service**
4 **Provider Subscriptions, authored by Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom, to protect**
5 **renter’s right to choose their internet service provider.**
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7 WHEREAS, Reliable, high-speed internet is no longer a luxury, rather it is a necessity
8 for full participation in work, school, healthcare, and daily life; and

9 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the critical importance of equitable
10 digital access, especially for low-income communities, students, elders, and working families
11 living in multi-unit housing; and

12 WHEREAS, Current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules prohibit
13 landlords from entering exclusive agreements with a single internet service provider (ISP), but
14 those federal protections are not fully enshrined in California state law like with the example of
15 bulk deals which eliminate tenant right to choose in practice; and

16 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1414 (AB 1414), authored by Assemblymember
17 Rhodesia Ransom, codifies this essential protection at the state level by ensuring that tenants
18 are not forced to subscribe to a landlord-mandated ISP, which closes a legal gap and
19 reinforcing tenants’ rights to choose the provider that best meets their needs and budget; and

20 WHEREAS, AB 1414 further empowers renters by allowing them to deduct the cost of
21 any forced ISP subscription from their rent, should a landlord violate this provision; and

22 WHEREAS, AB 1414 promotes fairness, consumer choice, and digital equity while
23 aligning with existing FCC guidance and earning broad support from tenant advocates,
24 including the Consumer Federation of California; and
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1 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2025, AB 1414 passed in the State Assembly on the third
2 reading with bi-partisan support and is currently in the State Senate; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California
4 Assembly Bill No. 1414, which protects renters' right to choose their own internet service
5 provider, prevents landlords from forcing tenants into costly or substandard internet plans, and
6 urges the California State Legislature to pass this bill to align state law with existing federal
7 protections and ensure digital freedom and consumer choice for all California renters; and, be
8 it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
10 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore
11 Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom, and the
12 Bill's primary sponsor, Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom.



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Resolution

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May 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton
Excused: 1 - Mandelman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/13/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Daniel Lurie
Mayor

05/23/2025
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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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05/23/2025
Date