Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2417, Juveniles: Youth Bill of Rights, authored by Assembly Member Phil Ting, to extend the protections outlined in the Youth Bill of Rights to youth confined in any juvenile justice facility.

WHEREAS, Existing law establishes the Youth Bill of Rights, which includes the right to live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment conducive to treatment and rehabilitation, to contact attorneys, ombudspersons, and other advocates regarding conditions of confinement or violations of rights, and to receive a quality education; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the state legislature passed California Senate Bill No. 823, Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration (SB 823), establishing the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and ending intake at the state Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the state legislature passed California Senate Bill No. 92, Juvenile Justice (SB 92), mandating the closure of the DJJ by June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Youth incarcerated at DJJ have a Bill of Rights and state law requires youth are informed of these rights; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 2023, all incarcerated youth will be held in county facilities; and

WHEREAS, When the DJJ closes, the Youth Bill of Rights will no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 2417 (AB 2417) would extend these protections to youth incarcerated in local facilities, requiring youth be informed of these rights and that a mechanism, the Division of the Ombudsperson of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, exist for youth to report violations of those rights; and
WHEREAS, This bill would require that youth be provided with a document outlining these rights and that local facilities post these rights; and

WHEREAS, This bill outlines protections that already exist under the law such as freedom from harassment, access to adequate medical services, and protections against discrimination based on gender expression and/or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, AB 2417 passed though the Assembly Public Safety Committee with bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors is committed to juvenile justice reform and protecting the rights of all juvenile justice involved youth; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors announces its support for Assembly Bill No. 2417, Juveniles: Youth Bill of Rights; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill No. 2417 into law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Governor, California State Legislature as well as the bill’s primary sponsor, California Assembly Member Phil Ting no later than 30 days upon passage of this Resolution.
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May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/24/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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

6/3/2022