Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass California State Senate Bill Nos. 929, 965, 970, 1035, 1154, 1227, 1238, and 1416, introduced by California Senator Susan Eggman, on legislation modernizing California’s Behavioral Health Continuum.

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill Nos. (SB) 929, SB 965, SB 970, SB 1034, SB 1154, SB 1227, SB 1238, and SB 1416 constitute a package of bills introduced by Senator Susan Eggman to improve California’s behavioral health system across the continuum, through prevention and early intervention, community supports and services, intersystem collaboration, improving access to assisted outpatient treatment, providing increased accountability through outcome tracking, preventing avoidable conservatorships, and improving the effectiveness of our conservatorship process for those that need them; and

WHEREAS, Passage of these bills would represent a significant overhaul of California’s response to the behavioral health needs of individuals suffering from severe mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The changes incorporated into Senator Eggman’s legislation are necessary and overdue; and

WHEREAS, The effects of California’s failure to provide adequate mental health care is reflected in the fact that 81% of the unhoused, unsheltered people living on San Francisco’s streets suffer from some sort of psychiatric condition, addiction, or both, and our local psychiatric emergency services have been on condition-red since May 2020; and

WHEREAS, SB 929 would require the State to collect data on the number of people placed on temporary psychiatric holds, clinic outcomes for individuals placed in each type of hold, and services provided in each category; and
WHEREAS, SB 965 would ensure that the court considers the contents of reports filed at the conclusion of conservatorship investigations and that, during conservatorship proceedings, relevant testimony may be considered, provided it falls under a hearsay exemption; and

WHEREAS, SB 970 would amend the Mental Health Services Act to establish a clear guide of measurable outcomes that counties can use to identify goals and create mechanisms for counties to track and report on their performance, followed by promulgation of self-improvement plans and regular progress updates; and

WHEREAS, SB 1035 would explicitly allow courts to order medication as part of a treatment plan, an essential tool that allows individuals to safely remain in their communities and manage their mental illness; and

WHEREAS, SB 1154 would establish a real-time online dashboard to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential community mental health facilities; and

WHEREAS, SB 1227 would provide additional flexibility for counties in treating individuals placed on 14-day psychiatric holds by allowing a second 30-day extension for patients who do not stabilize after an additional 14-day hold and 30-day extension; and

WHEREAS, SB 1238 would require the Department of Health Care Services to determine existing and projected needs for behavioral health services on a regional basis, and would require councils of local governments to provide data on total bed capacity, total utilization, and unmet need in a variety of categories; and

WHEREAS, SB 1416 would modernize the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act by defining those who, as a result of a mental health disorder, are unable to provide for their basic needs of personal or medical care or self protection and safety, as "gravely disabled;" and
WHEREAS, This package of legislation is endorsed by the Big City Mayors coalition, representing the 13 largest cities and roughly 11 million residents in California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California Senate Bill Nos. 929, 965, 970, 1035, 1154, 1227, 1238, and 1416; 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 San Francisco’s state legislative delegation, and the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Office of the Secretary of the Senate.
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April 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

May 26, 2022 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 07, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai and Stefani
Noes: 3 - Chan, Preston and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/7/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor

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