

1 [Motion to Submit Letter of Support for SB 953]

2 **Motion to urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and San Francisco Mayor**
3 **London Breed to support Senate Bill 953**

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission is a chartered body in the
5 City and County of San Francisco implying the voice of youth in government spaces;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 953 would permit the addition of menstrual products to
8 the schedule of covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, and would require the
9 Medi-Cal department to seek any necessary federal approvals to implement this
10 coverage; and

11 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission prioritizes health access and supports the
12 right to accessible menstrual products; and

13 WHEREAS, Menstrual products are necessities, but period poverty prevents
14 many low-income individuals and youth from being able to easily access menstrual
15 products; and

16 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has worked to address the mental health of
17 youth for many years as shown in our 2022-2023 Budget and Policy Priorities, and
18 believes it is vital that all students are able to access the materials they need, including
19 menstrual products, for personal success; and therefore be it

20 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
21 Board of Supervisors and San Francisco Mayor London Breed to support Senate Bill
22 953.

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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March 24th, 2024

Senator Caroline Menjivar
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support of the addition of menstrual products to the schedule of covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program

Dear the Office of Senator Caroline Menjivar,

On behalf of The San Francisco Youth Commission. I am writing to express our support for your bill, SB 953 (Menjivar). SB 953 would permit the addition of menstrual products to the schedule of covered benefits under the Medi-cal program, and would require the Medi-Cal department to seek any necessary federal approvals to implement this coverage.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

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The Youth Commission prioritizes health access and supports the right to accessible menstrual products. Menstrual products are necessities, but period poverty prevents many low-income individuals and youth from being able to easily access menstrual products. In turn, this affects the mental health of developing youth. The Youth Commission has worked to address the mental health of youth for many years as shown in our 2022-2023 Budget and Policy Priorities, and believes it is vital that all students are able to access the materials they need, including menstrual products, for personal success. Thank you for your continued leadership on this pressing concern for youth.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer, Chair

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2023 – 2024 San Francisco Youth Commission