

1 [Support for AB 2608: Postsecondary Education: Sexual Violence and Sexual  
2 Harassment: Training]

3 **Motion supporting Assembly Bill 2608: Postsecondary education: sexual violence**  
4 **and sexual harassment training and urging the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and**  
5 **San Francisco’s members of the State Legislature to support.**

6 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2608, introduced by California Assembly members  
7 Mike Fong (Assembly District 49) and Jesse Gabriel (Assembly District 46), will require  
8 California community colleges, CSUs, and independent institutions of higher education  
9 that receive state financial assistance to have revised annual trainings on sexual  
10 harassment and sexual assault; and

11 WHEREAS, Cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault have been  
12 prevalent specifically within the California State University System, with 40 reviewed  
13 cases between the years of 2016 and 2022 and many of those addressed in an informal  
14 and improper manner; and

15 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has supported, as shown in the recent FY  
16 2023-2024 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities, advocacy on matters  
17 pertaining to sexual harassment and sexual assault; and therefore be it

18 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports the Assembly Bill  
19 2608: Sexual violence and sexual harassment training, and be it

20 FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San  
21 Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed to support Assembly Bill  
22 2608.

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5 **Supplemental Information:**

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7 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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**Re: Support for California Assembly Bill 2608**

Dear Assemblymembers Mike Fong and Jesse Gabriel,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we write this letter in support of California Assembly Bill 2608 (Mike Fong, District 49 and Jesse Gabriel, District 46).

This bill addresses the need for additional sexual violence and harassment training across California colleges and universities. We believe that it's critical that we implement this training to ensure the safety of students across California.

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 comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

As a Commission, we understand the importance of creating change within the state's higher education system. In an audit released by the state of California, it was reported that 40 cases between 2016-2022 were reviewed that involved employees from California State Universities. Out of those 40 cases, 21 resulted in a formal investigation, 15 were closed by individual campuses, and 4 were addressed through an informal resolution agreement. The state of California found in 11 of the 15 cases closed, the campuses lacked clear rationale. In another 7 cases, it was found that there were deficiencies in the investigation. This evidence illustrates the need for change within the California State University system. This bill –directed towards California community colleges, CSUs, and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance– will require students to have annual trainings on sexual assault and sexual harassment that cover specific topics. In addition to this request, the legislation will also request these institutions to update said training every two years thereafter the initial September 1, 2024 implementation date.

Educational facilities have the responsibility of being a safe place for students. From this audit, it is shown that CSUs are failing to ensure the safety of their students. This bill addresses the need for change with the implementation of additional and more specific training.

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The Youth Commission has long been an advocate for preventing and addressing cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault in educational spaces and we intend to continue supporting advocacy on the matter.

Best,

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