

[Motion to Submit Letters of Support for LGBTQ+ Bill Package: AB 727, AB 1084, AB 1487, and AB 908]

Motion to urge the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to support California Legislative Bills AB 727, AB 1084, AB 1487, and AB 908

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission is a chartered body in the City and County of San Francisco that represents the needs and voices of youth; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2023 San Francisco City Survey, approximately 16% of San Franciscans identify as LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2022 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People conducted by The Trevor Project, in California, 44% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered suicide in the past year, 14% of LGBTQ+ youth in California attempted suicide in the past year, and 62% of LGBTQ+ youth in California who wanted mental health care said they were not able to receive it; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2022 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People conducted by The Trevor Project, these numbers are amplified for transgender and nonbinary youth, with 54% of transgender and nonbinary youth in California seriously considering suicide, and 19% of those surveyed saying they attempted suicide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People conducted by The Trevor Project, LGBTQ+ young people of color are at significantly higher risk of considering and attempting suicide; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco 2024 Point-In-Time Count and Survey, 38% of youth survey respondents in San Francisco identified as LGBTQ+, compared to 28% of the adult population; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has had a long history of LGBTQ+ activism, having strong non-discrimination policies for LGBTQ+ people, having accessible LGBTQ+ youth programs for organizations such as LYRIC and the SF LGBT Center, and serving as a city of refuge for queer people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, California's Senate Bill 107, was signed by Governor Gavin Newsome, designating California as the first state of refuge for LGBTQ+ youth, particularly transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, AB 727 ensures LGBTQ+ youth have easier access to life-saving mental health support by requiring schools and colleges to include The Trevor Project's suicide prevention hotline on student ID cards; and

WHEREAS, AB 1084 expedites the process for transgender and nonbinary youth to update their legal name and gender, helping LGBTQ+ feel affirmed, safe, and accurately represented; and

WHEREAS, AB 1487 expands support for 2TGI communities through inclusive health, housing, and youth services, giving LGBTQ+ youth greater access to affirming care and safety; and

WHEREAS, AB 908 ensures California schools include LGBTQ+ contributions in social science curricula by requiring compliance reviews, helping LGBTQ+ youth feel seen, respected, and represented in the classroom; and

1 WHEREAS, Passing AB 727, AB 1084, AB 1487, and AB 908 would expand
2 access to vital support services, including mental health care, education, housing, legal
3 recognition, and immigration assistance, for LGBTQ+ youth, a population that remains
4 consistently underserved; and

5 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby urges the Mayor and
6 Board of Supervisors to urge the State Legislature to support AB 727, AB 1084, AB
7 1487, and AB 908; and therefore be it

8 FURTHER MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges San
9 Francisco's state legislative representatives, including Senator Scott Wiener,
10 Assemblymember Catherine Stefani, and Assemblymember Matt Haney, to take action
11 in support of AB 727, AB 1084, AB 1487, and AB 908.

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16 FURTHER MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor
17 and the Board of Supervisors to champion policies that ensure all LGBTQ+ youth in San
18 Francisco have equitable access to affirming mental health care, inclusive education,
19 safe housing, and legal recognition.

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Supplemental Information:

[Letters of Support]



May 19, 2025

Re: Support for AB 727 Pupil and student safety: identification cards — Inclusion of the Trevor Project Suicide Hotline on student identification cards

Dear Assemblymember González,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 727 (González). AB 727 would amend Section 215.5 of the Education Code to require public schools that serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12 and public or private institutions of higher education that provide students with pupil identification cards to print the Trevor Project's suicide hotline's telephone number or text line on the cards.

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 of Supervisors takes final action.

The Youth Commission has historically supported and prioritized initiatives to uplift queer students and address youth mental health issues, especially in schools. In our 2022-2023 Budget and Policy Priorities, we called for larger investment in and expansion of mental health services in schools. Additionally, with the establishment of

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the LGBTQ+ Task Force, we approved various resolutions regarding LGBTQ+ youth, most notably our 2022-2023 Budget and Policy Priorities, calling for San Francisco to work with schools and community organizations to expand safe spaces for Queer youth in the city along with, developing comprehensive LGBTQ+ education curriculums in schools, and increased funding of LGBTQ+-youth serving organizations. The Youth Commission values increased access to mental health services, especially for LGBTQ+ youth who are at a higher risk of committing suicide and having mental health issues.

Thank you for your continued leadership in California and supporting this pressing youth concern.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Youth Commission 2024-2025



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Re: Support for AB 1084 Change of name and gender and sex identifier

Dear Assemblymember Zbur,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 1084 (Zbur). AB 1084 would develop a simplified process for minors to change their name to match their gender identity by allowing name changes to be approved without a hearing if both parents consent. If not all parents consent, the non-consenting parent would be notified, and a hearing would only occur if they file a valid objection. This bill reduces barriers for transgender youth in aligning their legal documents with their affirmed gender identity, supporting their well-being and protection from discrimination that arises from mismatched legal documents. Lastly, this bill also requires programs that are seeking this grant to partner with 2TGI-serving organizations to ensure that services are developed and implemented in consultation with the communities they aim to serve. Therefore, this bill works to enhance support services for Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (2TGI) youth by addressing the unique and intersectional challenges this community faces.

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Re: Support for AB 1487 Public health: the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund

Dear Assemblymember Addis,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 1787 (Addis). AB 1487 would rename the existing Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund to the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (2TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund. Additionally, this bill would also broaden the scope of the grant to include programs such as workforce development, mental health services, resettlement and social integration programs for 2TGI asylees and immigrants, diversion programs for, and outreach to, transitional-age 2TGI youth.

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San Francisco Youth Commission 2024-2025



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Re: Support for AB-908 Sex discrimination: social sciences instruction: compliance review

Dear Assemblymember Solache,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 908 (Solache). AB 908 would mandate that compliance reviews of public school districts include verification that social sciences instruction encompasses the roles and contributions of diverse groups, including LGBTQ+ individuals, people of all genders, and various ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic communities.

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to expand safe spaces for Queer youth in the city along with, developing comprehensive LGBTQ+ education curriculums in schools, and increased funding of LGBTQ+-youth serving organizations. The Youth Commission values educational content that reflects the diversity of student identities, fostering a more supportive, understanding, and inclusive environment for students, which is especially important for LGBTQ+ students who are often underrepresented in the classroom and face discrimination for their sexuality and/or gender/sexual orientation.

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