

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 2797 (MCKINNOR) AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TELEPHONE CORPORATION TO WITHDRAW AS A CARRIER OF LAST RESORT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo supports access to technology and infrastructure that offers effective and wide-ranging communications capabilities for alerting the public in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) telephone service providers are located throughout the state, ensuring access to basic telephone service to residents who lack dependable or affordable options for connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) oversees COLR service providers to ensure that essential consumer protections are maintained; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2797, as amended on June 10, 2024, would remove critical COLR protections and erode regulations that ensure hard-to-serve areas have guaranteed access to basic and affordable telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, these changes would harm residents in the County of San Mateo's rural, urban, and coastal areas, which lack the infrastructure for reliable wireless or wired alternatives critical during emergencies or major disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that COLR obligations are protected to ensure that San Mateo County residents continue to have access to reliable and affordable telecommunication services regardless of their geographic location or economic status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby opposes AB 2797, as amended on June 10, 2024.

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