

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 456 (ASHBY), RELATING TO CONTRACTORS: EXEMPTIONS FOR MURALISTS

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

WHEREAS, the Contractors State License Law requires individuals and businesses to obtain licensure to legally perform construction-related work in California; and

WHEREAS, existing law provides certain exemptions to this licensure requirement, including for nonprofit corporations assisting owner-builders in mutual self-help housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 456, introduced by Senator Angelique Ashby, seeks to amend Section 7044 of the Business and Professions Code to exempt muralists from the Contractors State License Law; and

WHEREAS, SB 456 defines a "muralist" as an artist who creates, restores, or affixes visual art directly onto walls, ceilings, or other fixtures of a building or structure, pursuant to an agreement with a person authorized to commission such work; and

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WHEREAS, SB 456 defines a "mural" as a unique work of visual art that is protected by copyright, trademark, label, or patent, and is hand-drawn, painted, or affixed directly to the interior or exterior surfaces of buildings or structures; and

WHEREAS, exempting muralists from licensure requirements acknowledges the artistic nature of their work, distinguishes it from traditional construction activities, and supports the cultural and aesthetic enrichment of communities; and

WHEREAS, the County's Public Art Policy, adopted in April 2022, promotes the creation and maintenance of visual art in public spaces and emphasizes inclusive engagement with artists across the region; and exempting muralists from licensure requirements aligns with this policy by expanding the pool of artists able to legally and affordably contribute to public art initiatives throughout San Mateo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California does hereby support California Senate Bill 456 (Ashby) and urges the California State Legislature and Governor to enact this legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the County Executive to transmit a letter of support with a copy of this resolution to Senator Ashby and the appropriate recipients in the California state legislature.

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