

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 5 (Ammiano)
HOMELESSNESS**

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

WHEREAS the County of San Mateo believes in the basic rights of homeless individuals, and acknowledges that homeless persons need assistance. The County of San Mateo has partnered with the cities, police departments, local faith communities, local businesses, and community based organizations to conduct intensive outreach to and engagement with chronically homeless people to connect them to permanent supportive housing through the highly successful Homeless Outreach Team (HOT); and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Person's Bill of Rights and Fairness Act, Assembly Bill 5, would, among other things, increase costs to local agencies by requiring staff to comply with the requirements of Assembly Bill 5; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is an issue facing almost every community in California; and it is important to preserve an individual community's flexibility to address the issue, as a one-size-fits-all solution is not appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 5 would adversely affect the County's ability to respond to legitimate public health and safety issues and make it difficult for the County

to respond to private and business concerns about loitering and panhandling; and

WHEREAS, the bill would impose significant new liability on counties for failure to comply with the new rights conferred on homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood that counties would receive adequate state funding to provide the new services is extremely low at a time when county resources are limited

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors or the President of the Board, by the adoption of this resolution, hereby oppose Assembly Bill 5 (Ammiano) regarding the enactment of the Homeless Person's Bill of Rights and Fairness Act.

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