

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1732 (TING) SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS

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

WHEREAS, under current law, public agencies that serve the public or are open to the public and maintain toilet facilities are required to make these facilities available to the public free of charge and to maintain a sufficient number of temporary or permanent toilet facilities to meet the needs of the public at peak hours; and

WHEREAS, restrooms are a necessity of life, and access to them influences a person's ability to participate in public life; and

WHEREAS, current practices that restrict access to single-occupancy restrooms by gender create problems of safety, fairness, and convenience, particularly for people who are transgender, or are transitioning, women, and parents or caretakers of dependents of the opposite gender; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1732 would require all single-user toilet facilities in businesses, government buildings and places of public accommodation to be identified as all-gender toilet facilities, and designated for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family assisted use, beginning March 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1732 would not require the construction of new bathrooms for this purpose, but merely changing the sign on existing restroom doors; and

WHEREAS, adopting such a policy would ensure the implementation of a workplace best practices as identified by the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and guarantee that everyone's rights are protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors or the President of the Board, by adoption of this resolution, hereby support Assembly Bill 1732 regarding single-user restrooms.

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