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[Supporting Senate Bill 782, Residential tenancies: domestic violence.]

Resolution supporting Senate Bill 782 to provide stable, safe housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 782 (Yee) would help provide stable, safe housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a widespread problem impacting one in three households in the United States in all communities; and,

WHEREAS, Countless studies demonstrate that stable, safe housing is a public safety issue, a critical element of ensuring the safety of domestic violence and stalking victims; and,

WHEREAS, Landlords sometimes evict domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking victims based upon complaints of noise, fighting, or repeated visits from the police to a victim's residence even though the visits are the result of crimes committed against the victim; and,

WHEREAS, Safe housing is essential to recovery for victims of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, SB 782 is modeled off of a San Francisco ordinance (File No. 020309), which was unanimously supported by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on February 10, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, SB 782 would provide that the conduct of the abuser may serve as a defense to eviction of the victim tenant; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 782, and urges the California Senate to pass SB 782, and urges the Governor to sign SB 782 into law.

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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 5, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Date Approved

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board