

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2540 - Community College Student Right to
2 Access Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2540, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Catherine Stefani, the Community College Student Right to Access Act, which**
5 **would expand access to medication abortion for California community college students**
6 **and improve awareness of reproductive health services across California's public**
7 **higher education systems.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2022, California voters approved Proposition 1, adding Section 1.1 to
10 Article I of the California Constitution and establishing that the State shall not deny or interfere
11 with an individual's reproductive freedom, including the fundamental right to choose to have
12 an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2019, California enacted Senate Bill No. 24, the College Student Right
14 to Access Act, requiring student health centers at University of California and California State
15 University campuses to offer abortion by medication techniques beginning January 1, 2023;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, While students attending University of California and California State
18 University campuses are guaranteed access to medication abortion through their campus
19 health systems, California Community College students were not included in Senate Bill No.
20 24 and may face additional barriers to obtaining reproductive health care off campus,
21 including transportation, cost, insurance, privacy, work, and family obligations; and

22 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 2540, authored by San Francisco
23 Assembly Member Catherine Stefani and known as the Community College Student Right to
24 Access Act, seeks to address this disparity and ensure that access to reproductive health care
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1 does not depend on which segment of California's public higher education system a student
2 attends; and

3 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 would, beginning January 1, 2029, require a
4 California community college with a student health center to offer access to abortion by
5 medication techniques, contingent upon an appropriation by the State Legislature to support
6 the direct and indirect costs of implementation; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 provides community colleges flexibility in meeting
8 this requirement, allowing access to be provided by campus health center staff, through
9 telehealth, through contracted external providers, or through partnerships with licensed
10 community health care providers, including written referral relationships, memoranda of
11 understanding, and contracts; and

12 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 further allows community college student health
13 centers to facilitate referrals and warm handoffs, assist students in identifying support
14 resources, and maintain current referral information for participating providers, recognizing
15 that student health centers vary significantly in staffing, clinical capacity, and available
16 resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 would authorize state funding for implementation
18 readiness and ongoing costs, including telehealth infrastructure, contracts with outside health
19 care providers, clinical staffing and medical oversight, staff training, insurance billing support,
20 student outreach, and required reporting; and

21 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 would also require community colleges with
22 student health centers to inform students of the availability of medication abortion services
23 and post information about those services online, and would establish similar public-
24 awareness requirements for University of California and California State University student
25 health centers; and

1 WHEREAS, Timely access to reproductive health care can be particularly important for
2 community college students, many of whom balance their education with employment,
3 caregiving, financial pressures, and other responsibilities that can make accessing an off-
4 campus provider more difficult; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Community College District Board of Trustees adopted
6 Resolution No. 2026-05-01 on May 28, 2026, supporting Assembly Bill No. 2540 and efforts to
7 expand equitable access to reproductive health services for students throughout the California
8 Community Colleges system; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Community College District further affirmed the
10 importance of adequate state funding, appropriate clinical protocols, and safeguards for
11 student health and safety in the implementation of Assembly Bill No. 2540; and

12 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2540 has passed the California State Assembly and
13 advanced through the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the California State Senate;
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15 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long supported protecting reproductive freedom and
16 ensuring that the ability to exercise reproductive rights is meaningful and accessible
17 regardless of income, background, or educational institution; now, therefore, be it

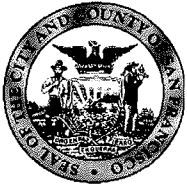
18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports California
19 State Assembly Bill No. 2540 (Stefani), the Community College Student Right to Access Act;
20 and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the
22 California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill No. 2540 and urges Governor Gavin
23 Newsom to sign the bill into law; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports adequate
25 state funding for implementation of Assembly Bill No. 2540 so that community colleges can

1 expand access to reproductive health care without diverting resources from existing student
2 health services; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this
4 Resolution to Assembly Member Catherine Stefani, Governor Gavin Newsom, San
5 Francisco's State Legislative Delegation, and the City Lobbyist, with a request to take all
6 actions necessary to support the passage and enactment of Assembly Bill No. 2540.



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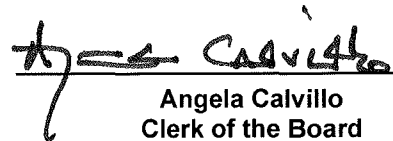
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September 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill,
Walton and Wong
Absent: 1 - Chan

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/15/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

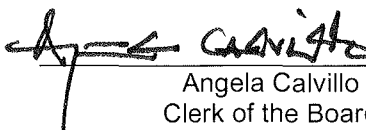
Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

09/25/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

09/25/2026

Date