



[Supporting SB 726 to self-fund programs to reduce veteran homelessness]

Resolution recognizing the contributions of 100% service-connected disabled veterans to the State of California and urging the passage of SB726.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.8 million veterans residing in the State of California, including over 442,000 service-connected disabled veterans, over 90,000 100% service-connected disabled veterans, and over 10,000 homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, 100% service-connected disabled veterans have made tremendous sacrifices for our country; and

WHEREAS, 100% service-connected disabled veterans are ideal citizens of the State of California because they are not financially burdened by federal student loans due to the TPD discharge program, healthcare costs due to VA healthcare system, mortgage down payment requirements due to the VA home loan program; and small business start-up costs due to the SBA 7(a) loan program; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is experiencing higher population outflows than inflows, which is negatively impacting state tax revenues; and a disabled veteran property tax exemption would encourage 100% service-connected



disabled veterans to purchase or build homes, start businesses, and hire employees that would raise more revenue for the State of California than the property tax exemption would cost in lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, veterans, including disabled veterans, experience poverty at a lower rate than non-veterans when measured by gender, ethnicity, employment industry, and age cohort; and federal tax incentives and housing subsidies have been proven highly effective to reduce poverty, with the largest impacts on children and adults over 65; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission recognizes the contributions of 100% service-connected disabled veterans to the State of California and urges the passage of SB726 to provide a disabled veteran property tax exemption; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission encourages the State of California to support outreach efforts to assist disabled veterans with federal veteran benefit upgrade services and resources; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission encourages the State of California to support outreach efforts to connect 100% service-connected disabled veterans with federal veteran benefit application services and resources; and, be it



FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges the State of California to renew its commitment to prioritizing hiring service-connected disabled veterans in state agencies and programs; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission is committed to supporting policies and programs that assist service-connected disabled veterans in our state in obtaining the aforementioned federal benefits to facilitate the elimination of veteran homelessness in California.