

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4924

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 219 (WIENER), THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, LGBT Seniors are disproportionately vulnerable to marginalization, isolation, homelessness, poverty, and premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, California has sought to protect the rights and dignity of its LGBT senior population, but has not yet detailed specific actions that are deemed discriminatory or made residents aware of their rights in long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Studies have highlighted the personal experiences of seniors in long-term care facilities, and the discrimination, harassment, and mistreatment they faced as a result of their real or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, SB 219, introduced by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), builds on and strengthens existing law aimed at combatting the discrimination of LGBT seniors in long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, SB 219 makes it unlawful for a long-term care facility or facility staff to take discriminatory actions wholly or partially on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or HIV status; and

WHEREAS, SB 219 requires facilities to post the residents' rights in each location where its current nondiscrimination policy is posted in order to ensure that the residents are made aware; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood is committed to being a caring and supportive city that develops policies and programs to support our diverse community, including LGBT seniors; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood developed the Aging in Place, Aging in Community Strategic Plan with the goal of taking into consideration the unique needs of LGBT older adults and long-term HIV/AIDS survivors including expanding cultural competency and training physicians and providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports SB 219 (Wiener), in the interest of combatting discrimination against LGBT seniors in long term care facilities.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 20th day of March, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK