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**RE: AB 245 – Educational equity: student records - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB-245 addressing Educational equity in student records through name and gender changes. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include full equity and equality for all people of all gender identities. A fundamental component of that advocacy is a commitment to the respect, welfare, and inclusion of transgender and non-binary people in all spheres of life, including education, as outlined at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

All individuals have the right to a quality, accessible, equitable public education. This bill, building on the progress of AB-711, will ensure diplomas don't mistakenly use a graduate's birth name if they prefer to use a chosen name. This will alleviate future challenges, especially if the individual chooses not to openly identify as transgender or nonbinary at work or school.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB-245 as an important step forward in equity. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 245.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at [info@sbwpc.org](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org)

Sincerely,

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