

1 [ELIMINATING THE GOOD VS. BAD IMMIGRANT NARRATIVE]

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3 **Resolution to encourage the City and County of San Francisco to be a leader in**  
4 **eliminating the good vs. bad immigrant narrative.**

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6 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2017, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission  
7 held a special hearing for testimonies by invited experts, affected individuals, and community  
8 members on the impacts of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) rescission on  
9 immigrant communities; and

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11 WHEREAS, DACA recipients and undocumented youth called on San Francisco to no  
12 longer use the word “Dreamer” – a word that carries with it a connotation that a certain type of  
13 immigrant is more deserving than another, that a certain type of immigrant is more valuable to  
14 our society than another, that a certain type of immigrant is good and another type is bad;  
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17 WHEREAS, DACA recipients and undocumented youth are unwilling to forget about  
18 their parents or sacrifice loved ones in return for status for themselves; their parents and all  
19 immigrants came to the United States of America in hopes of attaining the American Dream;  
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22 WHEREAS, DACA recipients and undocumented youth called for an end to the usage  
23 of the term “Dreamer” because all undocumented immigrants dream of a better life and we  
24 must fight for all 11 million; the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission respects the

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1 testimonies of DACA recipients and undocumented youth, and we urge legislators to listen to  
2 their voices; now therefore be it

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4           RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges the Mayor,  
5 the Board of Supervisors, City Agencies and Departments, the San Francisco Unified School  
6 District (SFUSD), all public and private organizations, and members of the media to refrain  
7 from using the term “Dreamer” and avoid the good vs. bad immigrant narrative – all  
8 immigrants seek a better life in pursuit of the American Dream; it is time to stop separating  
9 young undocumented immigrants from millions of other immigrants, including their own family  
10 members.

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**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION**

**Resolution No.** 17-00002

**Date Passed:** November 13, 2017

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San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission

Ayes: 8- Fujii, Kennelly, Khojasteh, Kong, Paz, Radwan, Rahimi, Ricarte

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I hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Executive Director of the Immigrant Rights Commission and that the attached resolution was adopted and approved by the Immigrant Rights Commission of the City and County of San Francisco at a properly noticed Commission meeting on November 13, 2017.

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Executive Director  
Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs

Date: November 15, 2017

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