

1 [ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE IMMIGRANTS]

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3 **Resolution calling for assistance and support for vulnerable immigrants**

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5 WHEREAS, These are unprecedented times, when two pandemics have created fear,
6 unrest and instability in our lives; and

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8 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 emergency has exposed social, economic and health
9 disparities faced by communities of color, individuals who face language, physical and other
10 barriers, and those who are food, housing and resource insecure. Civic protests against
11 historic racism, brutality and mistreatment of Black, Brown, immigrant and other communities
12 of color have ripped apart the fragile façade of an America for all the people; and

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14 WHEREAS, As the City and County of San Francisco continues its efforts to deal with
15 both pandemics and take care of the City’s most vulnerable communities, the Immigrant
16 Rights Commission urges our leaders to not exclude immigrants from those who need
17 assistance, support and encouragement; and

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19 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a diverse City built by immigrants who have continued to
20 contribute to its cultural and economic success. Immigrants make up more than a third of the
21 City’s entire population; and

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23 WHEREAS, Immigrants helped build this City from its roots and have continued to
24 contribute back. But there are many who face extraordinary discrimination, poverty and

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1 socioeconomic barriers. In difficult times, immigrants have historically been scapegoated,
2 placed in internment camps, brutalized by all sides, and marginalized; and
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4 WHEREAS, Many vulnerable immigrants, like DACA youth and undocumented
5 workers, have served as essential and frontline workers in the health, safety, food, and day
6 labor and domestic industries. They, like other City residents, are part of the system of
7 support that keeps all San Franciscans afloat. However, most have not been able to
8 participate in federal and state assistance programs and are barely able to survive; now
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11 BE IT RESOLVED, The Immigrant Rights Commission humbly and respectfully urges
12 our City leaders to live out the principles of equity and inclusion by maintaining support and
13 assistance to all vulnerable communities, including immigrants. We respectfully ask that no
14 further reductions be made to department budgets that support immigrants and their families,
15 including those of the Immigrant Rights Commission and Office of Civic Engagement &
16 Immigrant Affairs. With a difficult economy and anticipated budget deficit, we ask that general
17 funds continue to be used to assist vulnerable immigrants at a time when help is most
18 needed.
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