



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

July 28, 2022

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT PARENT VOTING RIGHTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission stands with the City and County of San Francisco in affirming the voting rights of immigrant parents in our city's Board of Education elections. In November 2016, San Francisco voters approved a ballot measure to allow noncitizen parents to vote in local School Board elections, and this right was extended indefinitely in December 2021. Immigrant parent voting rights are critical for parents to have a voice in electing the representatives who set the school district policies that impact their children's education. As the City and County of San Francisco defends this right in court today, the IRC affirms our support for the full civic participation of all San Franciscans. We believe that expanding access to voting promotes civic engagement and strengthens our democracy, and that all parents, regardless of immigration status, must have a say in the policies that shape the education of their children.