



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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### **San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission: Stand Up for Justice and Core American Values— End the Muslim Travel Ban**

As the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Trump v. Hawaii* on Wednesday, we ask that the Court do the right thing and strike down the Muslim travel ban. We ask all Americans to stand up for what is right and speak out against this unjust and discriminatory policy. The travel ban violates our values as Americans, our right to religious freedom, and our longstanding reputation as a welcoming place for all.

The case before the Supreme Court challenges the latest iteration of the travel ban executive order, which restricts visas, family unification, and travel to the U.S. by nationals from certain Muslim-majority countries. The lower courts and courts of appeal in the Ninth Circuit and Fourth Circuit have consistently held all versions of the travel ban to be unconstitutional and in violation of federal law.

Last October, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) held a special hearing on the impacts of the travel ban on local communities. We heard from dozens of individuals from diverse ethnic and faith communities and their message was clear— the policy has had a devastating impact on people's lives, separating families and causing immense suffering and fear. Muslim, Jewish and Christian community members from across the San Francisco Bay Area testified that the travel ban has far-reaching direct and indirect consequences for citizen and noncitizen Americans of all backgrounds.

As the current administration attempts a complete and permanent shutdown of Muslims entering the country, we ask that the American people and the U.S. Supreme Court see through these unconstitutional attempts to legitimize what is clearly a discriminatory policy motivated by anti-Muslim sentiment.

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission opposes all forms of discrimination and exclusion, especially the attack on vulnerable immigrants. We are proud to be part of a city and nation that respect the rule of law and cherish core values of dignity, freedom and inclusion. We urge our local, state and national leaders to continue to speak up for what is right and just.

We urge the U.S. Supreme Court to end the travel ban now.