



## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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### **San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Statement on Public Charge**

The federal government announced today that it has finalized its rule on public charge and inadmissibility. The Immigrant Rights Commission stands firm in its commitment to ensure the well-being of all San Francisco families, especially those who are most vulnerable. Singling out immigrant residents who are poor is cruel and harmful to all communities.

It is important to know that:

- The rule will not take effect until at least 60 days after the publication date. It is also expected to be challenged in court.
- Many immigrants will not be affected at all. This rule will NOT impact humanitarian immigrants like refugees and asylees; immigrants applying for naturalization; or naturalized citizens.
- San Franciscans can go to <https://immigrants.sfgov.org/help/screening> to find a trusted free or low-cost legal services provider to find out if these changes will affect them. San Franciscans can also contact the San Francisco Human Services Agency for questions about public charge and use of [public benefits](#).

The Immigrant Rights Commission believes our city and nation are stronger when families have opportunities to stay together, thrive and contribute. We encourage policymakers and Congress to adopt humane and sensible solutions to immigration reform and stop punishing hardworking immigrant families.