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STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION ON THE REPORT OF FUTURE ICE RAIDS

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission has become aware that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is again planning to implement an increased deportation program for May and June targeting mothers and children from Central America.

In a written statement, the ICE Spokeswoman, Nina Pruneda said: "Current operations are a continuation of operations Secretary Johnson announced in January and March. We stress that these operations are limited to those who were apprehended at the border after January 1, 2014, have been ordered removed by an immigration court, and have no pending appeal or pending claim for asylum or other humanitarian relief under our laws."

With no confirmation yet of where these ICE raids will take place, widespread fear and confusion within immigrant communities continues to rise.

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission is opposed to all actions that cause the unnecessary forced separation of families and children. We urge the Obama Administration to put a halt to these raids that are emblematic of a more chronic issue that is on the rise in our country.

We are a nation and city of immigrants. The detention, deportation and dividing of innocent families is inhumane and not a reflection of the ideas that form the foundation of American principles and values.

The United States has a great history of welcoming immigrants and we at the Immigrant Rights Commission want that history to continue. Immigrants are an integral part of the rich cultural tapestry of this country.

We urge the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the terror that this message is sending to our immigrant families and to call for an immediate halt of these blanket deportation programs.

We again ask DHS to stop the targeting of immigrants, cease the raids and seek more effective ways of identifying unauthorized felons and priority criminal offenders.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Commission,



Celine Kennelly, Chair



Haregu Gaime, Vice Chair

The Immigrant Rights Commission is an appointed 15-member body that informs and advises the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and city officials on the wellbeing and integration of immigrants in San Francisco. Members of the Commission must be citizens of the United States. For more information on the IRC, contact the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs at civic.engagement@sfgov.org.