



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION ON US SUPREME COURT CONSIDERATION OF IMMIGRATION EXECUTIVE ACTION

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) is grateful and encouraged by today's U.S. Supreme Court decision to review the Texas v. United States case, which we hope will lead to the implementation of President Obama's executive actions on immigration.

Absent of comprehensive immigration reform, we believe the deferred action programs announced by the President in November 2014 are legal and will benefit not only immigrants currently living in immigration limbo, but also the many cities, counties and states who will be able to realize safer communities and stronger economies. Providing opportunities for young people and families who risked their lives for a better future and who are already contributing to society is good for all of us.

As the IRC has previously stated, we are a nation and city of immigrants. Time is of the essence for the millions of immigrants living in the shadows and fearful of their future. 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.

This decision affects our neighbors, friends and loved ones. We thank the members of the Supreme Court and urge the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the entire City of San Francisco to continue its leadership in promoting family unity, justice and equal opportunity for all of America's people, regardless of status.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Commission,

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Celine Kennelly, Chair

Handwritten signature of Haregu Gaime in blue ink.

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](mailto:civic.engagement@sfgov.org).

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