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A Message of Hope and Gratitude

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Dear Community Members,

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) understands that this election season has been confusing, turbulent, difficult and scary, but we hear your concerns and are inspired by your perseverance and courage. This has strengthened our mission.

The City, under the leadership of Mayor Ed Lee, has ensured that we do not lose sight of our commitment to our immigrant community.

It is for this reason that the members of the IRC believe we should come together as a community and stand for what is great about San Francisco and the nation as a whole.

What is great about our city and country is our sense of justice, determination for greatness, our sense of right and wrong, and most importantly, our sense of acceptance and inclusion.

San Francisco is a welcoming place and beacon for all persons, regardless of their circumstances or where they came from.

The new presidential administration does not change who we are or what we stand for- it makes us strive harder to ensure greater equality for all people, all communities.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, we are grateful to be part of the San Francisco family and ready to stand strong with our sisters and brothers.

San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission

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.