

1 [Statement on ICE Raids on the Undocumented Community]

2 WHEREAS, The recent escalation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
3 (ICE) activity has sown fear and instability across San Francisco, Los Angeles, and
4 various cities in our country; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission stands firmly in support of
6 young people and families in all communities, including immigrant communities that are
7 the foundation of this city; and

8 WHEREAS, The trauma caused by ICE raids—particularly to children and
9 youth—has led to increased absenteeism in schools, disengagement from civic life, and
10 fear of accessing basic services such as public transit, healthcare, and legal aid; and

11 WHEREAS, Youth and their families are now afraid to report crimes, seek
12 protection, or ask for help, directly undermining public safety and weakening the trust
13 between communities and the institutions meant to serve them; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco's sanctuary city policies exist to promote safety and
15 unity, yet the presence and actions of ICE undermine these values and destabilize
16 neighborhoods that rely on consistent support and trust from their local government;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to the rise in ICE activity, the recent treatment of U.S.
19 Senator Alex Padilla, an elected official and the son of immigrants, has sparked concern
20 over the erosion of democratic norms; and

21 WHEREAS, Young people across the city are calling for dignity, accountability,
22 and lasting protections for immigrant communities who call San Francisco home; and
23 therefore be it

1 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission strongly condemns the
2 recent and ongoing ICE raids, and the irreparable harm they are causing to immigrant
3 youth, families, and communities across San Francisco and the nation; and

4 FURTHER MOVED, That the Youth Commission reaffirms its unwavering
5 support for San Francisco's sanctuary city policies and urges all City departments,
6 especially those serving youth, to uphold these protections in both policy and practice;
7 and

8 FURTHER MOVED, The Youth Commission calls on the Mayor, the Board of
9 Supervisors, and all relevant city agencies to advocate against ICE raids and to invest
10 in programs that protect and empower immigrant youth and families during this budget
11 cycle.

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Statement]

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Dear Mayor Lurie and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission is concerned over the recent escalation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity that has sown fear and instability across San Francisco, Los Angeles, and various cities in our country. We stand firmly in support of the young people and families in all communities during these troubling times, including immigrant communities, that are the foundation of this city.

One instance of this occurred on June 4th, 2025, when, after appearing for an ICE check-in appointment, at least 15 individuals, including four children with the youngest being three years old, were taken into custody by ICE and brought to immigration detention centers. Arrests like these, made during routine check-ins, demonstrate ICE's escalating enforcement tactics. Furthermore, these events contribute to the fear, instability, and trauma felt by immigrant families across the Bay Area and beyond.



The trauma caused by ICE raids, particularly to children and youth, has led to increased absenteeism in schools, disengagement from civic life, and fear of accessing basic services such as public transit, healthcare, and legal aid. Youth and their families are now afraid to report crimes, seek protection, or ask for help. This directly undermines public safety and weakens the trust between communities and the institutions meant to serve them.

San Francisco's Sanctuary City policies exist to promote safety and unity, yet the presence and actions of ICE undermine these values, especially when ICE targets areas where immigrants go to access basic services and build community, such as schools, ICE check-ins, courts, and graduations. This destabilizes neighborhoods that rely on consistent support and trust from their local governments.

In addition to the rise in ICE activity, the recent forced removal of U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, an elected official and the son of immigrants, has sparked concern over the stability of this country. Furthermore, the federal government's actions to deploy US Marines and National Guard in response to protests in Los Angeles demonstrate an overstep of powers and the erosion of democratic norms. Lastly, one of the executive orders issued by the current presidential administration directly contradicts the 14th Amendment. This action—along with others targeting newcomer communities—reflects a troubling pattern of disregard for the United States Constitution.

While some youth are beginning to feel hopeless, others across the city are calling for dignity, accountability, and protections for our most vulnerable communities



who call San Francisco home. The Youth Commission supports peaceful protesting and exercising one's 1st Amendment rights. Please note that city officials, including the Mayor and District Attorney, have expressed that those engaging in unlawful activities will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Damaging city property or disrupting local government only sets our communities further back. In moments like this, we must come together, not divide—uniting our energy and resources to build a safer, more just San Francisco for everyone, especially newcomer communities. If any young person is being wrongfully detained, we urge you to contact the Youth Commission office immediately. We are committed to doing everything we can to support and advocate on their behalf.

The Youth Commission strongly opposes the recent and ongoing treatment of newcomers, which has caused irreparable harm to youth and their communities across San Francisco and the nation. The Commission stands behind San Francisco's sanctuary policies and urges all departments and agencies, especially those who serve youth, to uphold these protections in both policy and practice. We hope that the Mayor and Board will continue to advocate against inhumane practices and fund programs that protect and empower newcomer youth and families during this budget cycle.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Youth Commission, 2024-2025