

1 [Upholding San Francisco's Commitment to its Newcomer Communities]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to protect and uphold San**
3 **Francisco's commitment to its newcomer communities.**

4 WHEREAS, Following its January 20th, 2025, inauguration, the current
5 Presidential administration ("the administration") has forcibly escalated its anti-
6 newcomer rhetoric; and

7 WHEREAS, The administration has adopted increasingly aggressive tactics to
8 persecute newcomers on legal status, such as arbitrary searches and apprehensions,
9 including of U.S. citizens and permanent residents; and

10 WHEREAS, The administration is pursuing legally unprecedented policy,
11 prompting many legal experts to deem its actions illegal and unconstitutional; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is among cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and
13 New York targeted by the administration for historically protecting newcomers through
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS),
15 and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agent raids in areas with significant
16 newcomer presence; and

17 WHEREAS, As an instance of legally unprecedented and targeted raids, and in
18 what was called a violation of "due process rights," by attorney Milli Atkinson of the San
19 Francisco Bar Association, four asylum-seekers attending pending asylum hearings
20 were arrested at San Francisco's 100 Montgomery Street building, according to reports
21 from the San Francisco Standard, the Associated Press, SFGATE, among others; and

22 WHEREAS, Concerns around the treatment and the honoring of the rights of
23 newcomer detainees have prompted surveying visits to ICE facilities in San Francisco

1 by Supervisors Fielder, Chen, and Dorsey, with Supervisor Mahmood prohibited from
2 entering facilities on an attempted visit; and

3 WHEREAS, Undocumented youth and children are especially vulnerable to anti-
4 newcomer rhetoric and policy, including reported apprehensions of minors and their
5 families during ICE raids; and

6 WHEREAS, Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code § 12H.1-12H.5 and
7 §§ 12I.1-12I.5, the City and County of San Francisco has declared itself a place of
8 refuge for all residents, including newcomers; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco Administrative Code § 12H.2. maintains that “No
10 department, agency, commission, officer, or employee of the City and County of San
11 Francisco shall use any City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of Federal
12 immigration law or to gather or disseminate information regarding release status of
13 individuals or any other such personal information ... unless such assistance is required
14 by Federal or State statute, regulation, or court decision”; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor’s Office
16 and the Board of Supervisors to do more to protect and defend San Francisco’s status
17 as a safe haven for newcomers; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board further employ means of
19 combating the administration’s threats to San Francisco’s safe haven status, including
20 via legislation and the direction of city departments; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board hold city departments and
22 actors violating San Francisco’s Administrative Code in aiding the unwarranted
23 apprehension of newcomers in San Francisco; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board and hold law enforcement
2 and those sharing San Francisco police data, such as license plate data from
3 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) operated by the San Francisco Police
4 Department, accountable through the enactment of penalties for aiding in the
5 apprehension of newcomers; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board explore the creation or
7 expansion of legal literacy efforts among San Francisco's newcomer communities,
8 especially in languages not covered by San Francisco's Language Access Ordinance,
9 including Indigenous languages; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board explore the creation or
11 expansion of legal literacy curricula or easily accessible resources in San Francisco
12 Unified School District (SFUSD) schools aimed at students who are undocumented or
13 with undocumented family members; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board expand funding to legal aid
15 nonprofits and organizations servicing newcomers through changes to fiscal policy or
16 city budget where feasible; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor more overtly address and denounce the
18 administration's unprecedented and aggressive apprehension of newcomers in San
19 Francisco, especially of children and minors; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board work with state and federal
21 legislators, the California Governor, and those representing San Francisco in higher
22 government to counter the administration's newcomer policy through enacting
23 legislation and measures; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board continue to recognize the
2 urgency and necessity of combating the administration's anti-newcomer policy through
3 enacting policy and organized action.