

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Fielder, Chen, and Dorsey, with Supervisor Mahmood prohibited from entering facilities on an
2 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 families
5 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 refuge for all
8 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 individuals
13 or any other such personal information ... unless such assistance is required by Federal or
14 State statute, regulation, or court decision”; now, therefore, be it

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

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

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board hold city departments and actors
2 violating San Francisco's Administrative Code in aiding the unwarranted apprehension of
3 newcomers in San Francisco accountable; and, be it

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

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

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

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

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

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

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