



December 19, 2019

The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pompeo,

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "*On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement.*"

I write to affirm that San Francisco consents to the resettlement of refugees within San Francisco under the Department of State's Reception and Placement Program. To alleviate the need for any subsequent consent to be given, this consent is given until revoked.

San Francisco nonetheless contends that Executive Order 13888 violates federal law, and by providing consent San Francisco does not concede that the Executive Order places a lawful condition on the placement of refugees. Refugee resettlement organizations have sued to block the Executive Order. The Executive Order not only violates the law, it undermines the goal of ensuring refugees have the best chance at succeeding in this country by limiting the places available for them to be resettled. The Executive Order stands against the values of acceptance and inclusivity upon which our country was founded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor

cc: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O'Connell, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States Department of State

Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors