

1 [Resolution affirming the San Francisco's City of Refuge Ordinance and condemning the
2 "Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act", HR 4437]

3 **Resolution affirming the City and County of San Francisco's City of Refuge Ordinance**
4 **and its commitment to providing a safe, healthy and dignified place to live for its**
5 **immigrant communities, regardless of immigration status and condemning the "Border**
6 **Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act" – HR 4437.**

7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco welcomes and values all of its
8 residents whether they be citizens, legal residents or undocumented, and wishes them to
9 work and live free from discrimination, exploitation, and from fear of invasive local collusion
10 with federal immigration law; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1989, as an expression of these values, the San Francisco Board of
12 Supervisors passed the City of Refuge Ordinance which forbids the use of City resources and
13 funds to enforce Federal immigration laws or to gather or disseminate information regarding
14 immigration status of individuals in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco supports and is committed to the
16 San Francisco Day Labor Program where workers can find temporary work for themselves
17 and their families without any question of their immigrant status; and,

18 WHEREAS, On December 16th, the United States House of Representatives passed
19 the "Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act" – HR 4437 – one
20 of the most egregious, anti-immigrant bills in this country's history; and,

21 WHEREAS, HR 4437 proposes, among other things, to make undocumented
22 immigrants living in the U.S. into aggravated felons; to criminalize U.S. citizens and legal
23 residents who have routine contact with undocumented immigrants; to require day laborer
24 centers and other non-profit organizations to verify workers' immigration status; to gut judicial
25 review of immigration courts decisions; to make detention of immigrants mandatory; to give

1 the government unfettered discretion to designate individuals as gang members and make
2 immigrants deportable as members of supposed gangs even if they have never violated the
3 law; and,

4 WHEREAS, The passage of HR 4437 would effectively pre-empt San Francisco's City
5 of Refuge Ordinance and have devastating impact on San Francisco residents, generally, by
6 creating fear, discrimination and abuse of immigrant communities; now, therefore, be it
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8 RESOLVED, San Francisco affirms its commitment to maintaining and enforcing its
9 "City of Refuge Ordinance" and "INS Raid-Free Zone Resolution;" and, be it

10 FURHTER RESOLVED, That San Francisco affirms its commitment to maintain and
11 support a city-funded day laborer program; now, therefore, be it
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13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns the
14 passage of HR 4437 in the US House of Representatives; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the US
16 Senate to defeat HR 4437 and all its provisions, and urges Senators Boxer and Feinstein to
17 vote NO on the measure; and, be it
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19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges other local
20 and state governments to condemn the passage of HR 4437 and all its provisions; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk
22 of the Board to send copies of this resolution to Federal representatives: Senator Dianne
23 Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Congressman Tom
24 Lantos.
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