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1	[Affirming Due Process Rights and Community Partnerships for Public Safety, and Urging
	Training and Protocols for Law Enforcement Given Recent Federal Immigration Enforcement
2	Actions and Law Enforcement Impersonations]

Resolution affirming the due process rights of San Franciscans, the essential role of community partnership with local law enforcement to maintain public safety, and urging that the Police Department and Sheriff's Department update and communicate to community members policies, procedures, and training considering recent federal immigration enforcement actions and fraudulent impersonations of law enforcement in order to safeguard public safety for all.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is experiencing one of the lowest crime rates, with overall crime down 28%, including the fewest homicides in more than 60 years in 2024, a 29% decrease in property crime, a 20% drop in violent crime, and a 22-year low in auto burglaries; and

WHEREAS, The increase in public safety is due to decades of building relationships between police officers, sheriff deputies, neighborhood and community leaders, direct service providers, public health workers, residents, workers, members of different faith communities, and more; and

WHEREAS, The increase in public safety was also achieved because of an overall emphasis on community policing and the strengthening of accountability, oversight, and transparency through the San Francisco Police Department's collaborative reform efforts in partnership with the California Department of Justice which were successfully completed in 2024 and the existence of independent oversight bodies such as the Department of Police Accountability, the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board, and the civilian-led Police Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Community engagement is a best practice in the public safety realm to
build trust between law enforcement and the populations that they serve, with the International
Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) asserting that "Trust and transparency between law
enforcement agencies and the people they serve is vital to community stability, officer safety,
and effective policing," which is strengthened when San Francisco police officers uphold the
highest standards of conduct while performing their duties and dedicate themselves to serving
the people of San Francisco with respect for all; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco police officers and Sheriff deputies wear badges, uniforms, follow due process in conducting enforcement activities, do not routinely hide their faces with masks or refuse to identify and provide verification of their bona fide status as peace officers or refuse to provide proof of the legality of the enforcement action(s) being conducted; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and our local law enforcement agencies comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and do not obstruct or interfere with federal officials in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, In recent months, there have been numerous reports of federal immigration enforcement activity within the City and County of San Francisco, including allegations of conduct by alleged federal law enforcement officers that has caused fear and undermined San Francisco's public safety, including but not limited to alleged federal officers seizing, arresting, and detaining individuals without affording due process rights; appearing in masks covering their faces and in plain clothes without any official identifiable agency; refusing to provide proof of a lawful enforcement action or proof of identity or verification of status as a legitimate law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Residents in the city have reported to the City and County of San

Francisco being contacted by individuals purporting to be federal agents, but been unable to
verify this as fact, making it virtually impossible for the public or city officials to distinguish

1	between legitimate government actions or potentially fraudulent or even deadly
2	impersonations; and
3	WHEREAS, Without necessary information being provided in a timely manner, the
4	public safety, wellbeing, economic health, and social networks of San Francisco and San
5	Franciscans are threatened; and
6	WHEREAS, These enforcement actions may increase in number and frequency with
7	the July 4, 2025 signing of the 2025 budget package that sets aside about \$170 billion dollars
8	to support the federal administration's border and immigration goals, which includes detaining
9	and deporting a record number of people from the United States; and
10	WHEREAS, It is critical under these conditions for the operations of the San Francisco
11	Police Department to be transparent, consistent, and understood by San Franciscans in order
12	to preserve and continue to build trust between local law enforcement and the people entitled
13	to be protected by them; and
14	WHEREAS, There is precedent for from the City of Los Angeles to verify the identity of
15	federal agents at the scene of suspected immigration enforcement actions and can help to
16	address increasing community concerns about unidentified, masked, and armed individuals
17	who may or may not be legitimate law enforcement officers; and
18	WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Police Department recently issued a policy directing Los
19	Angeles police officers responding to suspected federal immigration enforcement to request a
20	supervisor if one is not present, verify the credentials of the lead agent or supervisor if agents
21	are not clearly identified, and capture the verification process on body-worn camera to ensure
22	transparency; and

WHEREAS, The policy also authorizes officers to take enforcement action if they

determine someone is impersonating a federal officer, which may include detention or arrest;

now, therefore, be it;

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1	RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco, including this Board of
2	Supervisors, hereby reiterates the City's commitment to the due process rights of all San
3	Franciscans; and, be it
4	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes that it benefits
5	officer safety to have the trust and partnership of the people that they serve and that they
6	must have clear information and direction to be able to effectively communicate their duties
7	and responses when dispatched to respond to calls for service, including when other law
8	enforcement agency personnel may be involved; and, be it
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Police
10	Department and the Sheriff's Department to swiftly act to develop and implement clear
11	operational protocols and training for officers who may respond to calls for service involving a
12	public safety concern where the incident involves suspected federal immigration enforcement
13	and consider including the following: to request a supervisor if one is not present, verify the
14	credentials of the lead agent or supervisor if agents are not clearly identified, capture the
15	verification process on body-worn camera to ensure transparency, and authorize officers to
16	take enforcement action if they determine someone is impersonating a federal officer, which
17	may include detention or arrest; and, be it
18	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
19	the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the San Francisco Police
20	Commission, the San Francisco Police Department Chief of Police, the San Francisco Sheriff
21	Oversight Board, and the San Francisco Sheriff.
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## **Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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