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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Reaffirming Non-Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance]
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3	Resolution reaffirming San Francisco's commitment to upholding the City's Non-
4	Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance, preventing the use of City
5	resources to assist in any way with a government registry or database based on
6	religion, national origin, or ethnicity, and preventing the City from disclosing personal
7	information regarding any individual that could be used to create such a registry or
8	database.
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10	WHEREAS, The United States has long cherished the principle of religious freedom, as
11	enshrined in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states that "Congress shall
12	make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;"
13	similarly, Article VI of the Constitution prohibits a religious test for federal officeholders; and
14	WHEREAS, California's Constitution upholds these principles, guaranteeing free
15	exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination, while prohibiting any law respecting
16	the establishment of religion; and
17	WHEREAS, San Francisco shares this commitment to religious freedom and diversity,
18	reflected in local laws including the City's official policy to eliminate discrimination based on
19	religion (Police Code, Section 3301); and
20	WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, and the
21	Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 all affirm the fundamental rights to practice
22	religion freely without discrimination or government interference; and
23	WHEREAS, Any proposal to create a government registry based on religion, national
24	origin, or ethnicity would be contrary to these core principles of freedom, equality, and human
25	dignity, would foster prejudice, discrimination, and potentially violence against religious and

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1 ethnic minorities, and would pose a grave risk to the relationship between the government and

2 the people, undermining trust and cooperation, especially among vulnerable communities;

3 and

WHEREAS, San Francisco made it clear by enacting Chapter 103 of the Administrative
Code – the Non-Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance – that it will not support,
assist, or cooperate with any governmental program designed to create, implement, or
enforce a religious or ethnic registry or database; and

8 WHEREAS, If the federal government attempts to create databases or registries to 9 target individuals based on religion, ethnicity, or national origin, the City will continue to uphold 10 its responsibility to protect its residents from these discriminatory practices by complying with 11 the requirements of Chapter 103 that limit disclosure of personal information for these 12 purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recommends the City re-evaluate its relationship
holistically with the FBI's Federal Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF) due to the recent change
in federal administration, and while the City does not currently participate in JTTF, the City
should take a renewed look at JTTF's potential impacts on residents' civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, The City affirms its commitment to upholding the civil rights of its residentsand to equality, fairness, and respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, If federal authorities attempt to implement registries based on religion,
ethnicity, or national origin, San Francisco will continue to stand united with its residents, in
opposition to efforts to target, harass, or subject individuals to prejudice based on their
religious affiliation, ethnicity, or national origin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco reaffirms its commitment to religious freedom,
 tolerance, and diversity, and rejects any proposal to create or support any government
 registry or database based on religious affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity; and, be it

1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco will continue to oppose efforts by the
2	federal government or other entities to infringe on the religious and civil rights of City
3	residents; and, be it
4	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City's officers, employees, departments, and
5	agencies will continue to adhere to Chapter 103 of the San Francisco Administrative Code
6	and ensure the protection of personal information against misuse or disclosure that could aid
7	in the creation of such discriminatory registries or databases; and, be it
8	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to
9	transmit this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Speaker of
10	the California State Assembly Robert Rivas, and California Senate President pro Tempore
11	Mike McGuire, as a demonstration of the Board's solidarity with state efforts to uphold the
12	California Religious Freedom Act.
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Introduction Form

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

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): \square 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) \square 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) \square 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. \square 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. \square 8. Reactivate File No. 9. \square Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): \Box Yes \square No (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Subject: Long Title or text listed: