

1 [Urging San Francisco and California Law Enforcement Agencies to Ensure Proper  
2 Compliance Between Data Sharing Laws and Local and Statewide Sanctuary Laws]

3 **Resolution urging San Francisco and California law enforcement agencies to ensure**  
4 **proper compliance between data sharing laws and local and statewide sanctuary laws**  
5 **to assure trust in law enforcement to our vulnerable immigrant communities.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Passed in 2017, the California Values Act (Senate Bill 54), restricts local  
8 and state law enforcement agencies from assisting federal immigration enforcement and  
9 prohibits police from asking about immigration status, sharing personal information with  
10 federal authorities, or detaining individuals on the basis of a hold request, or providing  
11 information about release date except as allowed by local law; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance generally prohibits City  
13 employees from using City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of federal civil  
14 immigration laws, unless required by federal or state law; this includes participation in  
15 investigations, surveillance, and arrests conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
16 or other federal agencies to enforce civil immigration laws; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2021, San Francisco adopted a Surveillance Technology Policy relating  
18 to the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) under San Francisco Administrative  
19 Code, Section 19B, to ensure the responsible use of ALPR itself as well as any associated  
20 data, and the protection of City and County of San Francisco residents' civil rights and  
21 liberties; and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Surveillance Technology Policy includes guidance for  
23 the San Francisco Police Department, pursuant to 1798.90.55 of the California Civil Code,  
24 "shall not sell, share, or transfer ALPR information, except to another public agency, and only  
25 as otherwise permitted by California state law. ALPR information shall not be sold, shared, or

1 transferred to out-of-state or federal agencies without a court order or warrant issued by a  
2 California court. For purposes of this section, the provision of data hosting or towing services  
3 shall not be considered the sale, sharing, or transferring of ALPR information.”; and

4 WHEREAS, While Automated License Plate Reader systems provide a tool to law  
5 enforcement agencies, they also present significant privacy and civil rights concerns, with  
6 data potentially accessible to federal immigration agencies, putting immigrant and  
7 marginalized communities at risk; and

8 WHEREAS, Local leaders, organizations, and community members have expressed  
9 overwhelming opposition to expanding funding for Automated License Plate Reader and other  
10 surveillance technology, citing their potential misuse, lack of regulation, and threats to  
11 democratic freedoms and community trust; and

12 WHEREAS, The press has reported that the San Francisco Police Department  
13 database that houses ALPR information was open to searches by agencies that fall outside of  
14 local and California law enforcement agencies, resulting in a reported 1.6 million searches of  
15 the city’s license-plate reader database between August 2024 and February 2025, including at  
16 least 19 that were marked as related to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, Compliance with local and state sanctuary laws is fundamental to ensuring  
18 community trust in law enforcement, particularly that of our vulnerable immigrant communities;  
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco and  
21 California law enforcement agencies to examine past allegations concerning ALPR data and  
22 ensure compliance with data-sharing laws and applicable Sanctuary Laws and policies.  
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