

1 [Supporting Immigrant and Human Rights]

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3 **Resolution affirming the City and County of San Francisco’s support for immigrant and**
4 **human rights in the face of growing border vigilantism.**

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6 WHEREAS, One out of every four Californians is an immigrant, including 37% of San
7 Francisco residents; and,

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long and rich history of welcoming immigrants and
9 refugees, facilitating their inclusion into our communities, and encouraging their integration to
10 ensure that our city is a rich and diverse community; and,

11 WHEREAS, There has been a growth of vigilante groups such as the Minutemen, a
12 group that has patrolled the Mexico/Arizona border and has expanded its operations into
13 California, Texas, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota; and,

14 WHEREAS, Vigilante groups do not help with border security but, in fact, make it more
15 difficult for the border patrol to do its job; and,

16 WHEREAS, Vigilante groups create a more dangerous and hostile environment for all
17 border communities and immigrants who come here seeking work and a better life for
18 themselves and their families; and,

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has taken a strong stand against
20 hate violence and organizations that promote such acts of violence; and,

21 WHEREAS, As our nation struggles with a sense of vulnerability and insecurity, many
22 state and national leaders are failing to support our immigrant communities by remaining
23 silent in the face of increasing anti-immigrant rhetoric and activity; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, That the City and County of San Francisco affirms its commitment to
25 supporting immigrants and human rights in the face of growing vigilantism; and,

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco calls upon
2 local, state, and national leaders to protect immigrants and others from vigilante violence, to
3 prosecute the perpetrators of vigilante violence, and to make immigration reform that
4 addresses the root causes of migration and upholds the rights of all residents regardless of
5 immigration status as a top priority.

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