

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 1081 - The TRUST Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bil 1081 (Ammiano) the TRUST Act, a bill that**
4 **establishes standards for local governments to ensure that an individual will only be**
5 **detained pursuant to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold if that individual**
6 **has been convicted of a serious or violent felony, and provides key safeguards against**
7 **profiling and the wrongful detention of U.S. citizens.**

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9 WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has developed a
10 program that entangles and burdens local police with civil immigration enforcement, known
11 as “Secure Communities” (“S-Comm”), which requires the sharing of fingerprint information
12 at the point of booking by local or state law enforcement, citizen or non-citizen, no matter the
13 severity, with the Department of Homeland Security/ICE; and, since implementation of S-
14 Comm, about 70% of the individuals deported as a result of the program have no criminal
15 record, or have been found to have committed low level crimes, some of those including
16 survivors of domestic violence who called the police for help; and,

17 WHEREAS, The program has torn apart local communities throughout the country
18 and has eroded public trust of the police within immigrant communities, leading Governors
19 Pat Quinn of Illinois, Andrew Cuomo of New York, and Duval Patrick of Massachusetts, to
20 formally request to terminate, suspend, or refuse to sign an agreement with ICE with regard
21 to S-Comm; and, law enforcement officials have expressed strong concerns regarding the
22 damage caused by S-Comm to community policing; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Office of the Inspector General has commenced an investigation into
24 the S-Comm Program in response to a request from U.S. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren;
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1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the U.S. Congressional
2 Progressive Caucus, and the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation have all called upon
3 President Barack Obama to suspend S-Comm nationally because of concerns over racial
4 profiling and the harm caused to victims of crime who have been swept up into deportation
5 proceedings by S-Comm after calling the police for help; and,

6 WHEREAS, The Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (“TRUST”) Act
7 (AB 1081-Ammiano) is a pending state bill that will rebuild the trust that S-Comm has
8 undermined between immigrant communities and local police by establishing standards for
9 responding to burdensome detainer requests; and

10 WHEREAS, the TRUST Act establishes standards for local governments to ensure
11 that an individual will only be detained pursuant to an ICE hold if that individual has been
12 convicted of a serious or violent felony, and provides key safeguards against profiling and
13 the wrongful detention of U.S. citizens; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports passage of the
15 TRUST Act (AB 1081-Ammiano) in California; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls upon the
17 California legislature, Governor Jerry Brown, and Attorney General Kamala Harris to support
18 passage of the TRUST Act; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors send a copy of
20 this resolution to Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, author of the TRUST Act, and San
21 Francisco representatives in the state legislature, including Assemblymember Fiona Ma,
22 Senator Mark Leno, and Senator Leland Yee; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls upon the
24 Office of the Inspector General to conduct a thorough investigation regarding the impact of
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1 the Secure Communities Program, and whether localities are legally mandated to comply
2 with the program; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls upon
4 President Barack Obama, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano,
5 and Congress, to take steps to pass just, fair, and comprehensive immigration reform, rather
6 than ad hoc and flawed enforcement programs like S-Comm that erode trust between local
7 police and the community.

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