

1 [Reaffirming San Francisco’s Commitment to the Sanctuary City Ordinance]

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3 **Resolution reaffirming San Francisco’s commitment to uphold the City’s long standing**  
4 **Sanctuary City Ordinance and to provide the necessary resources and tools to support**  
5 **and empower the City’s immigrant community, as an essential part of ensuring public**  
6 **safety, public health, and community integrity.**

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8 WHEREAS, Refugees and immigrants comprise one in every three San Franciscans,  
9 and are a vital part of San Francisco’s heart and identity; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a Sanctuary City since 1989, when it enacted  
11 San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12H (“Sanctuary Ordinance”) in response to  
12 attacks on Central American immigrants under the Reagan Administration; this was the first  
13 ordinance in the country prohibiting the use of local resources and personnel from assisting  
14 the federal government with targeting, arresting, and detaining immigrants for deportation  
15 unless required by state or federal law; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Sanctuary Ordinance has promoted public trust,  
17 cooperation, and public safety for all San Franciscans, by ensuring that all residents,  
18 regardless of immigration status, are comfortable calling the Police or Fire Department during  
19 emergencies and cooperating with City agencies during public safety situations; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Sanctuary Ordinance also promotes public health and  
21 education by ensuring that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel safe accessing  
22 City public health services and public schools; and

23 WHEREAS, Hundreds of jurisdictions around the country have since instituted their  
24 own Sanctuary Ordinances, including the State of California in 2017, the California Values  
25 Act; and

1           WHEREAS, The incoming federal administration has vowed to institute the largest  
2   deportation program in U.S. history, which has created fear and panic amongst San  
3   Francisco’s large and diverse immigrant population; these threats may make individuals  
4   fearful to report crimes or obtain needed healthcare and make children afraid to go to school,  
5   the library, or the playground; and

6           WHEREAS, Governor Newsom and the California Legislature have convened a special  
7   session to bolster state resources in preparation for the incoming Trump administration; and

8           WHEREAS, Attorney General Bonta issued model policies and recommendations to  
9   help public institutions comply with California law limiting state and local participation in  
10   immigration enforcement activity; and

11          WHEREAS, It is critical that San Francisco leaders follow the lead of state officials  
12   and bolster resources, prepare, and reaffirm the commitment to protecting the City’s  
13   Sanctuary Ordinance, thereby affirming to the City’s large and diverse immigrant community  
14   that the City will stand strong with them; now, therefore, be it

15          RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco, including this Board of  
16   Supervisors, hereby reiterate the City’s commitment to upholding the City’s longstanding and  
17   exemplary Sanctuary Ordinance and to providing the necessary resources and tools to  
18   support and empower the immigrant community; and be it

19          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit  
20   copies of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Speaker  
21   of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas, and Senate President pro Tempore Mike  
22   McGuire, as a demonstration of the Board's solidarity with state efforts to uphold California’s  
23   sanctuary protections; and be it

24          FURTHER RESOLVED, That this transmission aims to ensure alignment between  
25   local and state efforts, leveraging our state’s leadership in providing guidance and model

1 policies, and strengthening statewide collaboration to protect immigrant communities and  
2 uphold the values enshrined in the California Values Act.

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