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2 federal immigration legislation should they become law]

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6 WHEREAS, The United States is in the midst of an ongoing immigration debate that  
7 has produced two competing pieces of legislation in the United States Congress; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Senate Judiciary Committee on March 27, 2006 passed legislation  
9 that offers a path for all undocumented immigrants to gain citizenship, creates one of the  
10 largest temporary worker programs in half a century, and allows millions of undocumented  
11 workers to become citizens; and,

12 WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives passed in December of 2005 the  
13 “Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act,” HR 4437; and

14 WHEREAS, This legislation calls for a 700-mile fence along the U.S.-Mexico border,  
15 tough penalties for those who employ undocumented workers, and makes undocumented  
16 residence a felony; and

17 WHEREAS; San Francisco’s City of Refuge Ordinance, passed in 1989, clearly forbids  
18 the use of City resources or funds to enforce the civil provisions of federal immigration law,  
19 but may not protect undocumented immigrants from the criminal provisions of HR 4437,  
20 should they eventually become federal law; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
22 urges the Sheriff’s Department, the Police Department and the Office of the District Attorney  
23 to abide by the spirit of the City of Refuge Ordinance and refrain from expending any City  
24 resources in support of criminal provisions that are based solely on immigration status in any  
25 new federal immigration law.