

1 [Immigrant Verification]

2 URGING GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER W-135-96 AND TO
3 REPEAL OR WITHDRAW REGULATIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER HARM TO THOUSANDS
4 OF CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS AND URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE
5 CRITICAL SERVICES TO ALL CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS REGARDLESS OF
6 IMMIGRATION STATUS.

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8 WHEREAS, On August 27, 1996, Governor Wilson issued Executive
9 Order W-135-96 instructing all state agencies, departments, boards
10 and commissions to implement the provisions of federal welfare reform
11 relating to undocumented immigrants "as expeditiously as reasonably
12 practicable;" and

13 WHEREAS, State of California administrative agencies
14 subsequently examined their programs and developed a list of over 200
15 programs targeted for implementation of immigration verification
16 systems; and

17 WHEREAS, During 1997 and 1998, numerous agencies issued
18 regulations to require verification of citizenship or immigration
19 status for all applicants to their programs, some of which have taken
20 effect, and others of which are awaiting implementation or are
21 currently enjoined by court order; and

22 WHEREAS, These actions by Governor Wilson were overly broad,
23 premature, and misguided, moving far beyond the requirements of
24 federal welfare reform and in a significantly faster and more
25 sweeping manner than any other state in implementing immigration-
related provisions of welfare reform; and

1 WHEREAS, The regulations would require all persons requesting
2 services to produce birth certificates or other documentation or be
3 denied critical services, including prenatal care, long-term care,
4 community mental health, health care for seriously ill children and
5 seniors, certain affordable housing, and dozens of other state and
6 federal funded health and social services; and

7 WHEREAS, Denial of these critical services to residents is
8 inhumane as well as unsound fiscal and public policy, as demonstrated
9 by numerous studies that prove the cost effectiveness of providing
10 preventive and other supportive services such as prenatal care,
11 housing, mental health, and primary health care, rather than more
12 costly care at a later date for more serious problems which also
13 jeopardize the health and safety of all community members; and

14 WHEREAS, Requiring verification for most of these services would
15 also create major hardships for qualified beneficiaries such as U.S.
16 citizens and legal permanent residents, particularly those who are
17 indigent, homeless, in crisis, or mentally impaired; and

18 WHEREAS, Implementation of immigration verification requirements
19 in California is resulting in denial or delay of critical services to
20 an extraordinary number of California residents including U.S.
21 citizens and both documented and undocumented immigrants; and

22 WHEREAS, Implementation of immigration verification requirements
23 in these programs would result in an increased burden to local
24 governments, including San Francisco, by requiring increased
25 bureaucracy, and that health and social service providers function as
immigration agents in checking documentation of persons who need

1 services, and by requiring local governments to address the needs of
2 growing numbers of residents who would no longer be eligible to
3 receive critical state and federal funded services; now, therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
6 of San Francisco urges California Governor Gray Davis to rescind
7 Executive Order W-135-96 and to repeal or withdraw all regulations
8 approved by the State Office of Administrative Law or pending
9 approval, in order to prevent further harm to thousands of California
10 residents; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the State
12 Legislature to support all legislative and budget activities that
13 promote the objectives of this resolution to continue critical
14 services to all California residents regardless of immigration
15 status, including support of SB 82 (Vasconcellos) and AB 52
16 (Cedillo); and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
18 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to
19 Governor Gray Davis, as well as the delegation from San Francisco in
20 the State Legislature, with a request that they take all action
21 necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.
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Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to rescind Executive Order W-135-96 and to repeal or withdraw regulations to prevent further harm to thousands of California residents and urging the State Legislature to continue critical services to all California residents regardless of immigration status.

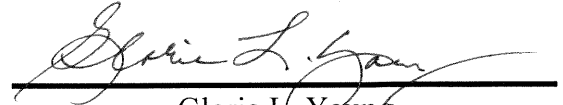
March 8, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 8, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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