

1 [Urging the United States Congress to Ensure the Inclusion of Immigrants in the Next COVID-
2 19 Federal Relief Bill]

3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to guarantee protections for immigrants**
4 **and to ensure the inclusion of immigrant communities during the next federal relief**
5 **package developed in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

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7 WHEREAS, California has the largest population of immigrants in the nation, critical to
8 fueling our state’s economic engine; and

9 WHEREAS, In this unprecedented moment in history, immigrants continue to show
10 their commitment to this nation by placing their own health at risk on behalf of the greater
11 population working as healthcare providers and maintenance workers cleaning hospitals,
12 government buildings, and other facilities that are essential to our response to the COVID-19
13 public health crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, Immigrant workers also work as truckers moving goods and produce up
15 and down the state, farm workers securing local food supplies, grocery workers stocking local
16 supermarkets, and countless other service-industry jobs so that the majority of the State’s
17 population can shelter-in-place, have food and basic needs met, and comply with the State’s
18 public health mandate; and

19 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a federal program that provides work
20 authorization documents to citizens of specifically designated countries who cannot return to
21 their country of origin due to ongoing armed conflict, natural disaster, or other extraordinary
22 conditions that make it difficult or unsafe to return; and

23 WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a federal program that
24 provides work authorization documents to individuals that arrived in the United States as
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1 children and who work in public institutions such as local and state government, own
2 businesses, and are represented in every sector of the economy; and

3 WHEREAS, TPS and DACA beneficiaries combined are parents to more than a half a
4 million U.S. born children (500,000+) who live in constant fear of family separation; and

5 WHEREAS, There is an estimated eleven to twelve million undocumented migrants in
6 the U.S. actively contributing their labor to the nation, a great majority of them paying taxes
7 without the benefit of work authorization documents, vulnerable to labor abuses, and forced to
8 live in fear of family separation due to sweeping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE);
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Amid a global health pandemic, the inclusion of immigrants is critical to
11 “flattening the curve,” according to public health guidance that indicates that the health and
12 well-being of every member of the community is necessary to ensure the health of the entire
13 country; and

14 WHEREAS, The Trump administration's repeated attempts to terminate TPS, DACA,
15 and other immigration relief programs has subjected millions of people to a constant state of
16 limbo, fear of deportation, and family separation; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco’s Department of Public Health COVID-19 demographic
18 data shows that immigrant, Latino, and African American populations are disproportionately
19 impacted by this pandemic, a trend consistent with national data; and

20 WHEREAS, Like all Americans impacted by this public health crisis, immigrants also
21 have an urgent need for economic relief, food assistance, housing security, and inclusion in all
22 COVID-19 response and recovery efforts in cities, states, and nationally; and

23 WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the President signed a 2+ trillion federal relief bill that
24 excluded the U.S. immigrant population and as a result of this exclusion, millions of
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1 individuals, families, and children are suffering the worst impacts of this public health and
2 economic crisis; and

3 WHEREAS, As a nation we must recognize and protect immigrants whose labor and
4 sacrifices are an essential part of the U.S. economy; and

5 WHEREAS, The Center for American Progress estimates that the potential exclusion of
6 TPS beneficiaries alone from the labor market, due to the program's cancelation by the Trump
7 Administration, will cost taxpayers over \$3 billion, and the inability of these individuals to work
8 will result in over \$45 billion in lost GDP over a decade and \$6.9 billion in lost Social Security
9 and Medicare contributions; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 urges California's U.S. congressional representatives to include all Americans, without
12 exception of the nation's immigrant population, in the next round of federal COVID-19 relief
13 package negotiations; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California's U.S.
15 congressional representatives to ensure long-term protection for TPS beneficiaries, DACA
16 beneficiaries, and the greater undocumented immigrant population, so they can actively
17 participate in the nation's economic recovery efforts; and

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California's U.S.
19 congressional representatives to ensure adequate access to federal public health resources
20 for immigrant communities in response to the current COVID-19 global health pandemic; and

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California's U.S.
22 congressional representatives to exclude any funding for immigrant detention or sweeping
23 ICE enforcement operations in the next federal relief package in response to COVID-19; and

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California’s U.S.
2 congressional representatives to ensure immediate halt to deportations, and the release of
3 immigrants in U.S. federal detention centers; and

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to work proactively
5 with the Mayor and various City Departments to continue to secure resources and advance
6 local policies to protect all San Franciscans including immigrant residents; and

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to work proactively
8 with San Francisco’s State and Federal officials to secure resources and advance policies
9 aimed at protecting the entire population, without exclusion of immigrant communities; and

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify San
11 Francisco's State and Federal legislative representatives, and the Office of the Governor of
12 the State of California of the Board’s position accordingly.

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