



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 17, 2021

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COLOMBIA (SUPERVISORS
HANEY, PRESTON)**

The Immigrant Rights Commission condemns the violation of human rights in Colombia, including the killing and abuse of human rights defenders and social leaders, as outlined in the amicus brief filed by Human Rights Watch. The IRC furthermore supports the [resolution](#) proposed by Supervisors Haney and Preston opposing human rights violations in Colombia and demanding the implementation of the Leahy Law to suspend economic assistance to the Colombian Anti-Riot Police Force, also known as the Mobile Anti-Disturbances Squadron. Colombian police have been documented firing at protesters and activists, and hundreds have gathered in San Francisco to protest the ongoing police brutality and to show support for the international Colombian community. We urge the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to support Resolution 210541 [Opposing Human Rights Violations in Colombia].