[INS Operations During The Census]

URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS) TO CONSIDER SENDING A WELL-PUBLICIZED MESSAGE TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT INS RAIDS WILL NOT BE PURSUED DURING THE CENSUS 2000 COUNT AND TO OTHERWISE MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE DURING THE COUNT.

WHEREAS, The results of the 1990 Census were extremely harmful for San Francisco and the Bay Area in that thousands of people across the region were missed by the count, resulting in a count that was less accurate than its predecessor; and

WHEREAS, The 1990 census missed approximately 22,000 people in San Francisco, equivalent to 3% of the City's population, including many immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of the undercount have been devastating, including: political under-representation of immigrants, poor people, the homeless, and people of color; lack of funding for services; and fewer resources being allocated to San Francisco than needed by the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, Many barriers prevented an accurate count, including language barriers, distrust of the government, distrust of the Census, culturally and linguistically inappropriate enumerators, and lack of education about the importance of the Census; and

WHEREAS, Trusted and well-known community organizations and community members themselves can play a major role in overcoming these barriers by employing comprehensive outreach strategies; and

WHEREAS, The fear of INS enforcement during the Census affects many immigrant communities and individuals of every legal status, including United States citizens who may have undocumented family members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to consider sending a well-publicized message to the immigrant community in San Francisco that INS raids will not be pursued during the census count; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the San Francisco District Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to refrain from any presence in public places to facilitate the process for the community agencies and census enumerators to assist in the count of the immigrant community in the City.

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Resolution urging the San Francisco District of the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) to consider sending a well-publicized message to the immigrant community in San Francisco that INS raids will not be pursued during the Census 2000 count and to otherwise maintain a low profile during the count.

March 13, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Brown, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee Absent: 5 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 13, 2000 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.