

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 227 (Durazo) - Safety Net for All]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 227 (Durazo), a Safety Net for All,**
4 **to create an Excluded Workers Program to offer unemployment benefits to**
5 **undocumented workers who have paid into the system through tax on their wages.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is home to approximately 43,000
8 undocumented immigrants of various backgrounds and cultures; and

9 WHEREAS, Research shows that undocumented immigrant workers in California are
10 disproportionately represented in low-wage industries, such as domestic service, food service,
11 janitorial services, hospitality, and agriculture while making less than nearly half the median
12 hourly wage of all other workers in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrant workers in California not only contribute their
14 labor, but also \$3.7 billion in state and local taxes, and taxes on their wages contribute an
15 estimated \$485 million to the Unemployment Insurance System every year, yet they cannot
16 access any unemployment benefits when they temporarily lose their job due to historic, racist
17 exclusions from the safety net; and

18 WHEREAS, The lack of access to unemployment benefits forces undocumented
19 immigrant workers to exhaust their life savings, accumulate greater debt, and compromise
20 their health and well-being to simply afford basic necessities like rent and food for themselves
21 and their loved ones; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco support the passage of Senate
23 Bill 227 (Durazo) and its companion budget proposal which would create an Excluded
24 Workers Program and provide unemployment benefits to undocumented immigrant workers
25 who are excluded from unemployment insurance due to their immigration status; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco call on all state
2 elected officials to support and prioritize the passage of SB 227 and its companion budget
3 proposal so every California worker regardless of status has access to life-saving benefits
4 when they face unemployment; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this resolution to
6 Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Toni G. Atkins, Speaker of California State
7 Assembly Anthony Rendon.

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