

1 [Protect Temporary Protected Status for All Recipients]

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3 **Resolution to uphold San Francisco’s values and support for residents with Temporary**
4 **Protected Status (TPS), recognizing their invaluable contributions to our community,**
5 **and urging the California federal delegation to urge the United States Congress to**
6 **establish a permanent pathway for TPS holders.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a city that celebrates its diversity and cultural richness,
9 where we uphold our values of inclusion and welcoming residents from all backgrounds,
10 ethnicities, genders, beliefs, and nationalities, and with a long history of embracing individuals
11 who flee violence, persecution, and economic hardship from various countries, religions, and
12 cultures seeking refuge; and

13 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a long-established program granted
14 by the United States government, granting a protected designation to individuals from specific
15 countries who cannot return to their country-of-origin due circumstances that pose a threat to
16 their lives and physical safety, such as ongoing armed conflict, the repercussions of natural
17 and environmental disasters, political violence; and

18 WHEREAS, TPS has been granted to groups of eligible individuals for over several
19 decades, and currently encompasses 16 countries and approximately 1,095,115, (calculated
20 as of September 30, 2024), from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia,
21 South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Cameroon,
22 and Burma, who have established their lives in the United States (U.S.), and built families with
23 now U.S. citizen spouses, children and grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, A termination of these programs will cause irreparable harm to recipient
25 individuals and their families, many of whom have children who are United States citizens,

1 and would be detrimental to the communities where they live, are woven into the fabric of
2 everyday life, and relied upon as vital members of society; and

3 WHEREAS, TPS beneficiaries have lived in the U.S. for an average of 27 years; and

4 WHEREAS, California has the fourth-largest population of TPS beneficiaries in the
5 nation, totaling approximately 73,000 individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration, through the Department of Homeland Security
7 (DHS), has issued orders successively from February through July 2025 to terminate TPS for
8 immigrants from Haiti, Venezuela, Honduras, Nicaragua, Nepal, Afghanistan, and Cameroon,
9 with more terminations for additional countries expected in the future; and

10 WHEREAS, These terminations will impact hundreds of thousands of individuals and
11 their families, who have built lives and families in the U.S. for over two decades, many of
12 whom are essential workers, and who contribute significantly to the economy as tax paying
13 residents; and

14 WHEREAS, There are multiple lawsuits against the Trump Administration regarding
15 TPS, alleging the termination of TPS countries is racially motivated and discriminatory, given
16 multiple statements by officials of the administration, disparaging TPS holders as “criminals”,
17 “terrorists,” “murderers,” and prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fifth
18 Amendment; and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco City Attorney has filed amicus briefs in support of
20 Plaintiffs in TPS lawsuits; and

21 WHEREAS, The most recent pending lawsuits at minimum request extensions for TPS
22 holders from Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Nepal, to allow families to prepare, which might
23 include submitting petitions to adjust their status, or make arrangements to mitigate the harms
24 to their families, in the event the rescission of their TPS forces them to leave; and

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1 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs also seek a preliminary order postponing the effective date of the
2 terminations while the litigation moves forward in court, and if granted, the order would
3 prevent the terminations from taking effect until the court reaches a final decision in the case,
4 allowing people from Nepal, Honduras, and Nicaragua with TPS to continue to be protected
5 against detention and deportation, and have work authorization, while the case is litigated;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs are ultimately seeking an order setting aside the terminations as
8 unlawful, and if granted, would mean the challenged terminations can never take effect, and
9 only DHS would be able to make new decisions, following proper procedures and based on
10 objective country conditions, about whether to extend or terminate TPS; and

11 WHEREAS, The countries involved in these many lawsuits, Venezuela, Haiti,
12 Honduras, Nicaragua, and Nepal, continue to demonstrate unstable in-country conditions that
13 threaten the safety of TPS holders, and the remaining countries also continue to experience
14 dangerous circumstances; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a long history as a Sanctuary
16 City, and has recently reaffirmed its commitment to its robust immigrant community,
17 recognizing that our local laws upholding Sanctuary make our entire city stronger and safer for
18 everyone; and

19 WHEREAS, The contributions of our immigrant families are innumerable, including, but
20 not limited to, a strong, essential, tax-paying workforce that pays-in approximately \$21 billion
21 annually to the U.S. economy, in addition to paying \$5.2 billion in combined federal, payroll,
22 state, and local taxes; and

23 WHEREAS, TPS beneficiaries and their families have strong connections to San
24 Francisco, the Bay Area, and other communities throughout the country, and have started
25 businesses, built community bonds, purchased homes, and made significant contributions to

1 the social, cultural, and economic fabric of cities and the nation as a whole; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fully upholds San
4 Francisco's values and support for residents with TPS, recognizing their invaluable
5 contributions to our community; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, To urge the California federal delegation, including
7 Congresswoman Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, and Senators Alex Padilla, and Adam Schiff,
8 and the United States Congress, to work to keep families together and establish a permanent
9 pathway for TPS holders, and in the meantime, allow for TPS extensions until there are
10 options for over 1 million TPS holders to adjust their legal status.

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