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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
**Cc:** BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: New Border Vision Resolution

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**From:** Leslie Roffman <leslier@littleschool.org>  
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**Subject:** New Border Vision Resolution

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My name is Leslie Roffman and I'm a part of Or Shalom Jewish Community and Faith in Action Bay Area in San Francisco. I'm writing in support of the New Border Vision Resolution the BOS is voting on today.

I support this resolution because the commandment to welcome the stranger is deeply embedded in the Jewish religion and our experience as Jews has taught us that people do not migrate lightly. They migrate when they are in desperate need of help, and it is our responsibility to treat our fellow humans with respect, care and dignity. We see this now more than ever in this vulnerable moment for all of us. All of our laws should be based upon this respect, care and dignity for each other.

Sincerely,  
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Or Shalom Jewish Community/ Faith In Action Bay Area  
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**Subject:** New Border Vision Resolution

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am Martha Larsen and I'm a part of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity in San Francisco and in the Bay area. I'm writing in support of the New Border Vision Resolution the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is voting on today.

This resolution is urgent because:

- Our city policies and practices need to be strengthened because ICE is attempting to expand them
- We need more protections for our most vulnerable community member because the current public health crisis.
- Our faith demands that we be in solidarity with immigrants, our community members
- San Francisco is a leader in the sanctuary movement and needs to continue to embody the best city policies possible.
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Sincerely,

Martha Larsen

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and San Francisco Friends [Quakers]

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*Give us bread, but give us roses too.* [Slogan of women woolen mill workers -Bread and Roses Strike, Lawrence, MA 1912.]

*But when the melancholy fit shall fall . . . Then glut they sorrow on a morning rose.* - John Keats.

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**To:** BOS-Supervisors  
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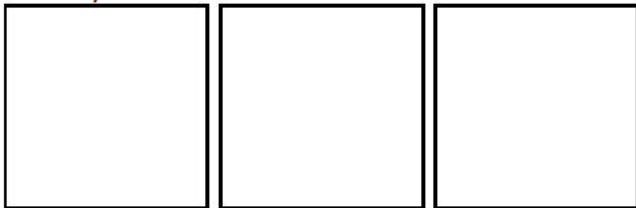
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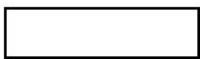
Warmly,  
Leah

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Leah Spelman, MPH  
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Dear Supervisors:

My name is Leah Spelman and I am the Executive Director of Partnerships for Trauma Recovery, in Berkeley. We provide mental health services to refugees and asylum seekers throughout the Bay Area, including San Francisco residents. I am writing in support of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passing a resolution in support of the New Border Vision (Item #20 on the March 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors Agenda).

San Francisco is a border city. Residents of San Francisco deserve to live in safe and thriving communities where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. But because the city is located within 100 miles of a coastal border, San Francisco is considered a border city. That means families in San Francisco are subject to inhumane and wrongheaded border policies that violate human rights, separate families and make every resident a potential victim to the widespread abuse and corruption of federal border agents. The recent national deployment of the highly militarized Border Patrol Tactical Units (BORTAC) to sanctuary cities like San Francisco is an example of border agents asserting their extraordinary jurisdiction to harass and terrorize communities far beyond the southern border.

This is why it is so important for the Board of Supervisors to take action now and protect our City by passing a resolution in support of the New Border Vision. Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Leah Spelman  
Partnerships for Trauma Recovery



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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find public comments in support of item No. 20 on today's agenda, A "New Border Vision" To Expand Public Safety and Protect Human Rights at U.S. Borders.

Thank you,  
Vanessa Rivas-Bernardy

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March 17, 2020

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Vanessa Rivas-Bernardy, and I am a student in the International Human Rights Law Clinic at Berkeley Law. On behalf of our client, Alliance San Diego and the Southern Border Communities Coalition it leads, I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote to adopt agenda item #20, the resolution in support of a New Border Vision. I would like to thank Supervisor Ronen and her staff for their leadership on this important issue.

San Francisco has a long history of protecting immigrant communities as a sanctuary city, and I am grateful to the individuals and cities, including San Francisco, who were at the forefront of the sanctuary movement. My father was one of the tens of thousands of Salvadorans to flee the war in the 80s, and upon crossing the U.S.-Mexico border into Nogales, Arizona, he was taken in by sanctuary activists. He spent many years living in San Francisco, as well, and I believe that his life—and consequently mine as well—might have had a different trajectory had he not been in a city that was so welcoming and safe for immigrants compared to other parts of the country.

While sanctuary policies provide absolutely essential protections for immigrant communities, unfortunately immigrants nonetheless remain vulnerable to abuse by federal immigration enforcement agencies. Under 8 U.S.C. § 1357, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) asserts the authority to operate within 100 miles of a land or sea border. San Francisco is a border city because it lies within 100 miles of the Pacific coast, and thus falls within CBP's jurisdiction. That means San Franciscans are among the 200 million people—that's two-thirds of the U.S. population—who live in a border zone.

In this zone, CBP asserts the power to set up checkpoints and stop and interrogate anyone suspected of not being a U.S. citizen. They could search vehicles and board public transportation. Within 25 miles of the coastal border, they could assert the power to enter onto private property, with the exception of dwellings. In addition, border agents regularly exceed their already broad legal authority, which results in the violation of constitutional rights and civil liberties. Worse still is the fact that border agents receive inadequate training and minimal oversight, have extraordinary levels of discretion, and are not held accountable for their actions, meaning they can commit acts of corruption and abuse with impunity.

The New Border Vision calls attention to the dangerous unchecked powers of border authorities that made sanctuary policies so necessary in the first place. By passing a resolution in support of a New Border Vision, San Francisco will join Berkeley—whose City Council passed a New Border Vision resolution in January—in starting a nationwide movement demanding better border governance by holding border authorities accountable, creating safe and welcoming communities, and protecting human rights. Thank you for taking leadership on this issue to help keep our communities safe and thriving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Rivas-Bernardy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vanessa Rivas-Bernardy

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Hello,

Please find my public comment regarding agenda item #20 attached.

Best,

Maria Sanchez

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March 17, 2020

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Maria Sanchez, and I am a student in the International Human Rights Law Clinic at Berkeley Law. I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote to adopt item #20, the resolution in support of a New Border Vision.

My family is from a southern border community. As a child I spent a lot of time in the border region of Nogales, and although I was a U.S. citizen, I always felt a lot of fear and apprehension crossing the border and interacting with border authorities. Now I've come to realize it is not just the southern border where these worries are real, but the same fear I felt dealing with border authorities in Nogales can be felt here in San Francisco by children now. San Franciscans are among the two thirds of the U.S. population that live in a border zone within federal border authorities' jurisdiction.

Federal border authorities assert the power to subject San Franciscans to warrantless stops and searches and racial profiling. When border authorities operate with absolute power, we are all less safe. That's why it is time to change border policies. The New Border Vision calls for better border governance – not more border security, which for so long has been synonymous with increased law enforcement presence and ignoring the needs of migrants and other border residents. We must demand accountability, oversight, and transparency of border authorities so that we can all feel safer in our communities.

With the recent deployment of BORTAC, CBP's tactical unit, to our sanctuary cities, it is more urgent than ever that San Francisco pass the New Border Vision. The New Border Vision is based on human rights principles that focus on treating human life as paramount. It is meant to complement the sanctuary policies that currently exist in cities like San Francisco, by getting at the root of the problem that has allowed federal border authorities to assert extraordinary power and abuse that power with impunity.

By acknowledging San Francisco as a border city and passing the resolution, we raise awareness about the jurisdiction of border authorities and the danger it poses. We also acknowledge San Francisco's commitment to expanding public safety, protecting human rights, and welcoming people. Thank you to the board for making San Francisco a leader in this vital and urgently needed national movement. I am especially grateful to Supervisor Ronen and her staff for their work introducing this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Maria Sanchez



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Attached please find public comments in support of agenda item No.20, A "New Border Vision" To Expand Public Safety and Protect Human Rights at U.S. Borders.

best,

Roxanna Altholz

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March 17, 2020

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am submitting these comments in support of the New Border Vision Resolution (agenda item No. 20).

I am the co director of Berkeley Law's International Human Rights Law Clinic. The Clinic has represented Alliance San Diego and the Southern Border Communities Coalition in their effort to bring the New Border Vision Resolution before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. We are immensely grateful to Supervisor Hilary Ronen and her staff's leadership on this measure.

Today, I am writing you as a resident of San Francisco's Castro neighborhood where I have lived with my partner and two young sons for almost nine years.

My neighbors and I are facing an unprecedented public health crisis and I am heartened by the decisive action taken by city leaders to protect our communities. As our city struggles with how best to minimize the spread of a deadly virus, we must carefully consider how this crisis may be used to undermine our human rights and civil liberties. I believe that part of this Board's work to keep us healthy and safe must include protecting San Franciscans from the dangerous expansion of federal border authorities' jurisdiction.

San Francisco is a border city because it is located within 100 miles of a coastal border. Under a McCarthy era federal statute, federal border authorities assert the power to subject San Franciscans to **warrantless** stops and searches and racial profiling. At our southern border, federal border agents have used their extraordinary authority, jurisdiction, and resources to criminalize rather than manage migration and to shield their agents from accountability. We all have read the reports of children being separated from their parents and migrants dying in immigration custody. In a recent poll, 1 in 4 Californians said that they had been stopped at internal checkpoints set up by federal border agents.

According to an announcement made last month by the Trump administration, Border Patrol Tactical Units (BORTAC) – immigration swat teams – have been deployed to San Francisco and other sanctuary cities. The Department of Homeland Security plans to request additional funds for U.S. Customs Border and Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to address the pandemic.

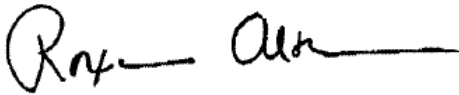
These measures may lead to an increased presence of federal border authorities on San Francisco streets, public transportation, and hospitals. There is nothing that stands in the way of Border Patrol setting up a check point outside City Hall or on Market Street. It is crucial that San Francisco's leaders raise their voices in opposition to the expansive authority of federal border agents and call for a new approach to border policy that protects human rights.

The New Border Vision Resolution is a significant step in that direction. The resolution provides the framework for a human rights first approach to border governance and an opportunity to move from myopic enforcement first, enforcement only border policies. The resolution also condemns the deployment of BORTAC agents to sanctuary cities and calls on Congress to eliminate the “powers without warrant” of federal border agents.

I applaud the San Francisco Board of Supervisor for their support of a New Border Vision and the decision to join the call for border policies that uphold the dignity and respect of everyone.

Today, I feel especially proud to be a San Franciscan.

Sincerely,

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Roxanna Altholz

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**From:** L. Bastianon <lilib\_7@yahoo.com>  
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Dear SF BOS,

My name is **Lillianna Bastianon** and I'm a part of Faith Community in San Francisco. I'm writing in support of the New Border Vision Resolution the BOS is voting on today.

I support this resolution because:

- It's important we strengthen our city policies and practices while ICE enforcement is attempting to expand.
- Our faith calls us to be in solidarity with our immigrant community members.
- With the current public health crisis, we need even more protections for our most vulnerable community members.
- SF should continue to be a leader in embodying our sanctuary city policies.

Sincerely and Thank You,  
Lillianna Bastianon

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San Francisco, CA 94122

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Written Public Comment in Support of Item #20 March 17, 2020 Agenda: A New Border Vision  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:09:19 PM

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**From:** Erin Tsurumoto Grassi <erin@alliancesd.org>  
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**Subject:** Written Public Comment in Support of Item #20 March 17, 2020 Agenda: A New Border Vision

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors:

My name is Erin Tsurumoto Grassi and I work as a human rights policy advisor for Alliance San Diego, which is part of the Southern Border Communities Coalition (SBCC). On behalf of Alliance San Diego and SBCC, I write to urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of a New Border Vision that expands public safety, protects human rights, and welcomes all people who live, work or travel to our region (Item #20 on the March 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors Agenda).

My entire life I have lived in the border region -- from when I was born in San Leandro, to my high school years in Vacaville, to when I attended college in Los Angeles County, and to San Diego, where I have lived the last 9 years. However, it wasn't until I moved to within 100 miles of the Southern Border that I began to understand what it really means to live within the 100 mile border enforcement zone.

There is not a single week that goes by that I do not see a Border Patrol or other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) vehicle. There are more Border Patrol agents in our region than there are San Diego Police. I have friends that have been stopped and harassed by Border Patrol and ICE for no reason other than the color of their skin. My freedom of movement is limited -- I cannot leave San Diego County without crossing through a border patrol checkpoint. Even if I were to try to go around the checkpoints on the main highways, Border Patrol has roving patrols and temporary checkpoints set up on all of the roads I could try to take to go around.

When we meet with the San Diego Border Patrol Sector leadership, they remind us that the San Diego Sector jurisdiction extends all the way to the Oregon border. In fact, if you look on the Border Patrol website, you will find that is indeed true. The only

difference when it comes to border enforcement in San Francisco and San Diego is that Border Patrol simply does not have the resources to operate in San Francisco the way they do in San Diego.

We ask San Francisco to stand with us and support the New Border Vision. However, we ask you to do so not because it will help those of us who live within 100 miles of the Southern Border, but because as a city that falls within 100 miles of the coast, San Francisco is a Border City. And, as such, San Francisco is subject to the same militarization that those of us in the San Diego region deal with every single day. The pending deployment of BORTAC to San Francisco is just one example of what that could look like. It is time to push back against the extraordinary jurisdiction, power and resources that Customs and Border Protection uses to harm our communities. It is time for a New Border Vision.

Thank you for your vision and leadership in moving forward a resolution in support of a New Border Vision.

Sincerely,

Erin Tsurumoto Grassi  
Human Rights Policy Advisor, Alliance San Diego

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**From:** Lisa Hoffman <lisa@eastbaysanctuary.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
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**Subject:** EBSC statement in support of New Border Vision

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors:

We attach our written public comment in support of the New Border Vision resolution introduced by Supervisor Hillary Ronen that will be voted upon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th.

EBSC enthusiastically supports this critical resolution.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hoffman on behalf of East Bay Sanctuary Covenant.



**Lisa Hoffman** | *she/her*  
Development Director  
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March 2020

## **EBSC Supports the New Border Vision**

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant strongly supports the New Border Vision Resolution which is every more urgent given the Trump administration's continued attacks on sanctuary cities and civil rights protections for immigrants.

EBSC's mission is to provide legal services, community organizing, and transformative education to support low-income immigrants and people fleeing violence and persecution.

As some of you know, EBSC was founded in 1982 by faith congregations who risked arrest and imprisonment to publicly declare their commitment to provide Sanctuary for the 60,000 Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees fleeing violence and persecution by their own governments.

EBSC has evolved over the past 38 years in direct response to the needs of the refugees and asylum seekers we serve. Now, we reach over 10,000 people every year with life-saving legal and social services.

We work primarily with recently arrived immigrants who come to the Bay Area to seek safety and begin to rebuild their lives. The people we serve have experienced atrocious violence and deserve to be welcomed and supported, not demonized and forced into the shadows.

The New Border Vision Resolution aligns with EBSC's mission and values and we are proud to be part of this initiative to protect our community members from abuse by federal border authorities with little accountability, to support humanitarian acts that proactively save people, and to keep families together.

**Approving this resolution will bring essential protection to the vulnerable community members we serve.**

San Francisco has long been a leader in providing safety and sanctuary to immigrant communities. We have the opportunity now to lead the way in embracing a New Border Vision that protects human rights, expands public safety, and welcomes residents and newcomers.

Thank you for your support of this resolution.

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