

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 937 (Carrillo) - The VISION Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 937, “The VISION Act,”**  
4 **authored by Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo, to prohibit any state or local agency**  
5 **from arresting or facilitating assisting with the arrest, confinement, detention, transfer,**  
6 **interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose.**

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8 WHEREAS, Refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California’s heart and identity,  
9 and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home; and

10 WHEREAS, California’s criminal justice system unjustly and disproportionately harms  
11 Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; and

12 WHEREAS, With the passing of SB 260, SB 261, SB 1437, AB 1812, which amended  
13 paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and Proposition 47, the  
14 Legislature and California voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our  
15 criminal justice system and ending mass incarceration; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite these reforms, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails  
17 and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee community  
18 members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs  
19 Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes; and

20 WHEREAS, Jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention  
21 beds, and approximately 70% of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been  
22 funneled through our criminal justice system; and

23 WHEREAS, Prisons, jails, & ICE detention centers are notoriously toxic and violent;  
24 voluntarily transferring people from jail/prison to ICE worsens their health by lengthening their  
25 time behind bars; and

1           WHEREAS, California should not subject these community members to a cruel “double  
2 punishment,” and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and  
3 community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants; and

4           WHEREAS, Ending ICE transfers in California is a reflection of the State’s commitment  
5 to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration; and

6           WHEREAS, The VISION Act, Assembly Bill No. 937 (AB 937), authored by Assembly  
7 Member Wendy Carrillo, prohibits jails, prisons, and other public agencies from funneling  
8 community members who are eligible for release to ICE jails where they endure deplorable  
9 conditions and face permanent separation from their families and communities; and

10           WHEREAS, Through the passing of the VISION Act, California has an opportunity to  
11 set a model for the nation and advance a positive vision of a society based on care, healing,  
12 and transformation; and

13           WHEREAS, Our community refuses to use local and state resources to separate  
14 children from their parents and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers,  
15 and friends; and

16           WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco values all members of our  
17 community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of  
18 all residents, including refugees and immigrants; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California  
20 Assembly Bill No. 937, “The VISION Act,” and urges the California State Legislature to pass  
21 this bill in order to keep our immigrant and refugee communities safe by preventing state or  
22 local agencies from arresting or facilitating assisting with the arrest, confinement, detention,  
23 transfer, interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose;  
24 and, be it

25           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the

1 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore  
2 Toni Atkins, California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Governor Gavin Newsom, and  
3 the Bill's primary sponsor, Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo.

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