

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 54 (De León) - California Values Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 54, authored by Senator De León, the**  
4 **California Values Act, to limit state and local law enforcement’s entanglement with**  
5 **federal immigration enforcement.**

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7 WHEREAS, On December 7, 2016, California Senate Pro Tem Kevin DeLeón  
8 introduced California State Senate Bill 54 (SB 54), titled the California Values Act, to  
9 disentangle state and local resources from federal immigration enforcement; require state  
10 agencies to review their confidentiality policies to ensure the privacy of individuals seeking  
11 services, and ensure that schools, hospitals, and courthouses remain safe and accessible to  
12 all California residents, regardless of immigration status; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Values Act would, if passed, set an example for states  
14 throughout the country about how states can limit use of and disentangle scarce local and  
15 state resources from federal immigration enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, There has been a growing backlash against immigrants in the United  
17 States, stoked by Donald Trump and members of his Cabinet and advisory staff; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2016 presidential election cycle, Trump consistently  
19 demonized immigrant, both documented and undocumented, and Mexican communities with  
20 promises to “build a wall” on the U.S.-Mexico border and engage in mass deportations; and

21 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2017, Trump released an Executive Order titled  
22 “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States,” which, among other things,  
23 threatens to cut funding to Sanctuary Cities, attempts to increase local law enforcement’s  
24 collaboration with ICE by reviving the controversial and now-defunct Secure Communities  
25 Program (S-Comm), and vastly expands the priorities for deportation; and

1           WHEREAS, S-Comm was terminated in 2014 after then-Department of Homeland  
2 Security Secretary Jeh Johnson recognized that the program “attracted a great deal of  
3 criticism” and that “its very name [became] a symbol for general hostility toward the  
4 enforcement of . . . immigration laws” from government leaders, community members, and  
5 courts alike; and

6           WHEREAS, Community groups, including advocates for survivors of domestic  
7 violence, have expressed serious concerns that entanglement of local law enforcement with  
8 ICE further isolates survivors and will damage community trust and confidence in local law  
9 enforcement, and even crime victims and witnesses may consider themselves “priorities” for  
10 deportation; and

11           WHEREAS, Community trust and confidence in local law enforcement and related City  
12 public health and safety agencies, including the Public Health and Fire Department, helps  
13 keep our communities safe by making sure that all residents, regardless of immigration status,  
14 feel comfortable calling the Police and Fire Departments during emergencies and cooperating  
15 with City agencies during public safety situations. It helps keep our communities healthy by  
16 making sure that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel comfortable accessing  
17 City public health services and benefit programs; and

18           WHEREAS, San Francisco is a diverse and immigrant-rich county, where 35.6% of its  
19 residents are born outside of the United States and 45% speak a language other than English  
20 at home, and therefore our city strives to create an inclusive environment which integrates  
21 and respects all of its residents equally; and

22           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors resolved in Resolution  
23 No. 269-10 on June 8, 2010, that “[T]he ‘Secure Communities’ police/ICE collaboration  
24 program would undermine San Francisco’s values, seriously harm public safety, and tear hard  
25 working San Francisco families apart,” on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File

1 No. 100650, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, On November 15, 2016, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
4 unanimously resolved in Resolution No. 484-16, titled "Resolution responding to the election  
5 of Donald Trump and reaffirming San Francisco's commitment to the values of inclusivity,  
6 respect, and dignity," that "San Francisco will remain a Sanctuary City; we will not turn our  
7 backs on the men and women from other countries who help make this city great," on file with  
8 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 161235, which is hereby declared to be a  
9 part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 hereby urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to pass the California Values  
12 Act (SB 54); and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
14 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the Resolution to the Governor of California, the  
15 California State Senate, and the California State Assembly.

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