

1 [Opposing HR-418, the Real ID Act]

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Resolution urging the United States House of Representatives to oppose “The Real ID Act,” H.R. 418.

WHEREAS, The Real ID Act will impose a requirement of legal presence for obtaining state driver’s licenses; and

WHEREAS, The imposition of a requirement of legal presence will restrict immigrants from obtaining driver’s licenses and thus result in an increase in uninsured, unlicensed drivers and unsafe roads; and,

WHEREAS, The Real ID Act’s anti-refugee provisions will deny and deport many refugees seeking asylum from human rights abuses from brutal non-democratic regimes; and,

WHEREAS, A coalition of faith-based organizations, including the Episcopal Migration Ministries, Jesuit Refugee Service, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and World Relief have all expressed serious concern that the Real ID Act will hamper and harm refugees fleeing religious based persecution; and,

WHEREAS, A number of organizations committed to serving the Latino community, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund and the National Council of La Raza have all expressed strong opposition to the Real ID Act; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has supported undocumented immigrants licensed and legal ability to drive with previous

1 Resolutions 881-01 and 566-02 urging the implementation of California Assembly Bill 60;
2 and,

3 WHEREAS, Licensed immigrant drivers will benefit the City and County of San
4 Francisco and the State of California's workforce by facilitating the efficiency of commute for
5 immigrants, who serve a significant role in the city and state's labor force; and,

6 WHEREAS, The ability for immigrants to drive legally and licensed will greatly
7 contribute to the economies of the City and County of San Francisco and the State of
8 California; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 urges the House of Representatives to oppose the Real ID Act, HR-418; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send copies
12 of this resolution to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Tom Lantos.

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