

**From:** [Yesenia Lacayo](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment. - 11/12/2025 at 10:00 am - SF City Hall, Room 250  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 10:00:19 AM  
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Good afternoon Supervisors,

My name is Yesenia Lacayo, and I am the Program Manager for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILEN), and a constituent of District 9.

I am here today to urge your approval of the supplemental budget for SFILDC, SFILEN, and SFRRN.

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The need has only grown, and our staff are stretched thin. Burnout is real, and waitlists keep getting longer.

This supplemental funding would allow us to expand capacity, hire additional navigators and interpreters, and maintain the infrastructure that keeps families safe and informed.

This isn't about adding something new — it's about sustaining and strengthening the network that already protects thousands of San Francisco residents.

If we want to continue being a true Sanctuary City, we must invest in the people and programs that make that promise real.

Please approve the supplemental budget for SFILDC, SFILEN, and SFRRN so our community

can continue this essential work with the strength and stability it deserves.

Thank you  
Yesenia Lacayo  
Program Manager, SFILEN | District 9 Constituent  
She/Her/Ella



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**From:** [Thais Santos](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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## Public Comment in Support of the Supplemental Budget for SFILDC, SFILEN, and SFRRN

*By Thais Santos, Program Manager, San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN)*

Good afternoon,

My name is Thais Santos, and I am the Program Manager for the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN). I am here today to express my strong support for the approval of the supplemental budget for SFILDC, SFILEN, and SFRRN.

These three collaborative programs have been *crucial lifelines* for immigrant families in San Francisco — providing emergency response, legal defense, and coordinated community support to keep our communities safe through ICE activity verification and rapid response efforts. Our immigrant communities continue to be under attack — and we, as frontline staff, have been doing everything in our power, often with limited resources, to protect them and connect them to the assistance they need.

But we are reaching our limits. Staff across these networks have been *burning out* to meet the ever-growing demand for support. The need for more capacity, more infrastructure, and more people on the ground is urgent. We can only sustain and strengthen this critical safety net if the supplemental budget is approved.

This funding is not just about maintaining programs — it's about ensuring that San Francisco continues to stand as a *sanctuary city* that truly protects and uplifts its immigrant communities. I urge you to approve this supplemental budget so we can continue doing this vital work with the strength and readiness our communities deserve.

Best,



**Thais Santos**

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**From:** [Jess Farb](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Proposed Budget Supplemental for Immigration Legal Services  
**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2025 9:08:11 AM  
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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

I am writing to submit a formal public comment in support of the proposed budget supplemental for immigration legal services in San Francisco.

Access to immigration legal representation is a critical resource for our community. These services ensure that individuals and families facing complex legal challenges have the power to understand their rights, navigate the system, and gain legal status, and remain united. Without adequate funding, vulnerable residents risk falling into fear and misinformation, which undermines both individual well-being and community stability.

Our message is clear: **Power, not panic.** By investing in legal services, San Francisco demonstrates its commitment to justice, equity, and the protection of immigrant communities. This funding will allow organizations like the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), SFILEN, and SFRRN to continue providing essential support to thousands of residents who call this city home.

Thank you for considering this comment and for your leadership in ensuring that San Francisco remains a city of compassion and fairness.

Sincerely,  
*Jessica Farb*

Jessica Farb, Esq., Deputy Director  
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**From:** [Crystal Van](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Support for \$3.5 Million Supplemental Budget for Immigration Legal Resources in SF  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:31:46 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Crystal Van and I am the Senior Program Manager for the Civic Engagement team at Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA). This year, I have also been trained to be a dispatcher with the San Francisco Rapid Response Network hotline due to the influx of calls seeking consultation for immigration resources and legal services.

Immigrant service providers and community members across the Bay Area are facing an unprecedented threat from the current federal administration. Lawyers and legal practitioners are witnessing the unlawful arrest and detention of Bay Area residents right here in San Francisco. People who are following the legal process to live in this country are being taken into custody and deported after simply showing up for check-ins or court hearings.

I've heard from multiple residents throughout the Bay Area and across California who are terrified after receiving letters ordering them to appear in San Francisco. They've heard that others in the same situation have been detained and deported, and are seeking urgent guidance and assistance. These are targeted, strategic actions designed to mass deport our neighbors and families. Many are being removed without access to proper legal consultation or even knowing their basic constitutional rights.

Thankfully, because of decades of work by trusted immigrant rights organizations like SFILEN, SFILDC, and RRN, we have strong networks in place to provide emergency support. But with immigration-related detentions increasing by 900% (from 300 per day in 2024 to 3,000 per day in 2025 nationally) our networks are stretched to the limit. There's simply not enough staff and resources to provide comprehensive legal response, accompaniment, and emergency support with the current demand.

Last night at the IRC hearing, we heard from the Public Defender's Office that people are even being detained at 630 Sansome Street for more than 24 hours, and sometimes up to 72 hours. These holding cells are not meant for long-term detention and are unsafe for our residents. We need more support to combat these unjust tactics.

Therefore, I'm calling on the Board of Supervisors to invest in immigrant legal services and resources here in San Francisco by allocating \$3.5 million funds to SFILEN, SFILDC, and

RRN in response to these reprehensible federal directives. We need more lawyers, more capacity, and stronger infrastructure to defend our communities. When the federal government violates constitutional rights, local and state governments must step up and protect our residents.

I urge you to stand firm in our commitment as a Sanctuary City, a home to vibrant, diverse immigrant communities, and to continue the fight against authoritarianism. Please fund our communities, fund our legal networks, and citywide immigrant rights collaborative.

Thank you President Mandelman, Budget Chair Chan, Supervisor Fielder, and other Supervisors for already spearheading these efforts!

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**From:** [Annette Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Board of Supervisors Full Board Meeting 10/28/25  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 5:20:00 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,

Please accept my public comment below, in support of the city's investment of \$3.5million in the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network, Rapid Response Network, and San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative:

*Good afternoon, Supervisors,*

*My name is Annette Wong with Chinese for Affirmative Action, a founding member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network and partner on the San Francisco Rapid Response Network.*

*First, I want to acknowledge the moment. I think we're all breathing a sigh of relief that we are not a militarized war zone today. We want to thank the City and all the CBO partners in the house today for moving quickly and standing firm in response to last week's threats of federal troop deployment in San Francisco. The public statements, coordination, and outreach helped reassure immigrant communities that our city continues to stand with immigrants—especially in moments of fear and uncertainty.*

*But as we all know, this moment isn't over. The threat of heightened immigration enforcement in San Francisco and across the Bay Area remains real. People are still being harassed, detained, and deported every single day. Each day, we receive calls from community members who are afraid, they're afraid to go to work, they're hearing rumors of raids, and they're living in constant fear.*

*That's why this \$3.5 million budget supplemental is so essential. These funds will strengthen the city's immigrant protection infrastructure so we can meet this crisis with coordination, compassion, and readiness.*

*Through these networks, we ensure that San Franciscans—no matter their language, income, or immigration status—have access to legal consultations and representation, trusted information, and on-the-ground response when enforcement occurs. These systems were built over years of partnership between community organizations and the City, and today they remain our first line of defense.*

*San Francisco's leadership has always shown the country what a true sanctuary city looks like—not just in name, but in action. This investment will help us continue that legacy: protecting families, safeguarding workers, and keeping our communities strong and united*

*in the face of federal overreach.*

*This supplemental reaffirms that in San Francisco, we don't turn our backs on immigrants—we stand together and we fight back.*

*Thank you to President Mandelman, Budget Chair Chan, Supervisor Fielder, and all the supervisors leading and supporting this effort.*

Thank you!

-- Annette

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**Annette Wong | 王浩儀**

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**From:** [Adlah](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Birth Companions Community Center](#); [verfre1@yahoo.com](mailto:verfre1@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Corrected version: Public comment for increase spending immigration services SFILDC  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:20:33 PM

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Please use this version:

Hello Supervisors,

I, Veronica Fregoso, Executive Director of the Birth Companion Community Center and doulas of BCCC, we are urging you to increase funding for immigration services and immigration legal services.

This funding is essential for immigrant families we support every day through free doula care, which improves maternal health, reduces stress during pregnancy, and strengthens family stability. Families navigating immigration challenges while preparing to welcome a baby deserve real support and not barriers.

This investment also creates career pathways for immigrant women to become trained doulas, providing culturally-rooted care within their own communities while earning a sustainable income.

When we fund immigration services, we fund health, dignity, and economic opportunity for families who are the backbone of San Francisco. We ask you to protect and expand this critical support. Thank you.

**From:** [Adlah](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Birth Companions Community Center](#); [verfre1@yahoo.com](mailto:verfre1@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Public comment for increase spending immigration services SFILDC  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:16:19 PM

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Hello Supervisors, my name is Adlah Chisti, and on behalf of Veronica Fregoso, Executive Director of the Birth Companion Community Center. We are urging you to increase funding for immigration services and immigration legal services.

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**From:** [Brian Huttenburg](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for funding for immigration legal services  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:31:30 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my strong support for the budget supplemental that would provide additional funding for legal services for the immigrant community. Please vote for the supplemental so our community can feel safe and protected from the attacks from the current administration in the White House. As a SF resident, I wholeheartedly support providing this additional funding.

Thank you,  
Brian Huttenburg  
3927 Lincoln Way  
San Francisco, CA 94122

**From:** [Chad Nico Hiu](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment for BOS re: immigration  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:50:57 PM

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Hello! Wanted to send a message speaking in favor of supplemental funding for immigration support services for public comment within the board of supervisors meeting/hearing that believe is taking place today. Thank you!

Chad Nico Hiu  
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**From:** [CuevasElvira, Alejandro](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Immigration Support Now  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 2:35:22 PM

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To whom this may concern,

These funds and support were needed last year. With the recent news and often misinformation from our fed. government families are continuously living in anxiety and fear. As an educator and community school coordinator supporting families in this time has been challenging. Our school has had to collaborate on its own because of the lack of leadership from the district to the city. We need support now, support our families financially, support with access to quality lawyers and provide mental health services for our community. When we say we are sanctuary we need to mean it, we need a rapid response network that works. I hope we listen to the supervisors who are taking action in supporting our families and community for the better.

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**In Lak Ech,**

**Alejandro Cuevas**

(he, him)

Community Schools Coordinator

Dolores Huerta Elementary

SFUSD

**From:** [Fong, Brendan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SFUSD Educator Asking for Immigration Services  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 12:21:12 PM

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Hello Board,

I strongly urge you to increase the funding for immigrant legal services in SF. As a lifelong D11 resident and current D11 public school educator, I know how critical immigrants are to our community. Everyone deserves the right to a lawyer including our vulnerable students and their families.

Please support the expansion of legal services in SF.

Thanks,  
Brendan Fong

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**Brendan Fong (He/Him), Classroom Teacher**  
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**From:** [Philip von Furstenberg](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Funding legal resources  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 12:11:26 PM

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Dear Board,

I am in my 20th year as a social worker with sfusd. Since the con-mander-in chief took office the requests I am receiving for legal services are growing. The access to affordable and free resources however is dwindling. Please fund these organizations so our families can navigate the complex legal system in this country!!!

thanks!

Philip von Furstenberg

**From:** [Jodi Tsapis](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Increase funding for immigrant families in SF  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:29:44 AM

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Good morning!

I am a public high school social worker in San Francisco. Please know that many of our students and staff, along with families and residents all over the Bay Area, lived in fear when the current administration sent their troops to raid and terrorize our cities. Our attendance actually went down and we mobilized as a staff to provide resources to our community.

We need more viable and sustainable resources to support hard working youth and families who are here to live the "dream", work, study and live in peace.

I support increase funding to support immigrant families legally and with the RR hotline and services. If the government in DC can not keep us safe and furthermore, profile and terrorize our communities, the City of SF will have to step in

Thank you for your time  
Jodi Tsapis

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Jodi Tsapis, LCSW, PPSC

**From:** [Santarosa, Summer](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Need funding now!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:30:55 AM

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We have a number of families very worried about being deported and are asking the teachers to take guardianship of the students to prepare. We need more support so that we can provide the peace of mind to families that this city is fighting for them and wants them to stay together with their children!! Please consider what it would be like for you to ask your student's teacher to be their guardian should something happen to you.. we need support!!

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Summer Santarosa, LCSW, PPSC  
(She, her, hers)  
School Social Worker  
**Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy**  
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## Resources

If you are experiencing an emergency and need immediate support, please call 911.

**SFUSD Family Resource Link Line:** 415-340-1716, Monday thru Friday, 9am - 1pm

**For Families experiencing homelessness contact one of the city's Access Points:**

- Central City Access Point- 415-644-0504
- Bayview Access Point- 415-430-6320
- Mission Access Point - 415-972-128

**San Francisco Comprehensive Child Crisis:** (415) 970-3800

**The 24/7 Safe & Sound TALK Line:** 415-441-KIDS (415-441-5437)

**Crisis Hotline / SF Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 988

**From:** [Rugama, Candida](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Immigrant Legal Services  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:21:17 AM

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Please provide desperately needed increase for the costs of immigration legal services fees for our immigrants who chose this sanctuary city as a place of refuge. Immigrants are the foundation of this country and they contribute to all communities on a micro and macro level. They care for our children, put food on our table, and provide essential services for the betterment of everyone. Legal services for immigration leave many of these families with debt for many years and in an impoverished state. Many work several jobs just to stay above water. Please consider providing more funds towards immigration legal services to support our immigrants.

--In community,  
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- ***Crisis Hotline / SF Suicide Prevention Hotline: (415) 781-0500***
- ***Crisis TEXT Line: text HOME to 741-741***
- ***Seneca Mobile Crisis Response: (877) 441-1089***
- ***National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255***
- ***24-hr Child Protective Services (CPS) Hotline: 800-856-5553***
  - ***Parents can self-report or just seek consultation***

- ***The Safe & Sound TALK Line: 415-441-KIDS (415-441-5437)***
  - *Provides 24-hour parental stress phone support*
- ***SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUS 66746”***
- ***Rapid Response Network: 415-200-1548/Website:<http://sfilen.org/> Support for immigrant families facing immigration enforcement actions.***

**From:** [Delallana, Romyl](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Increased Funding for Immigrant Legal Services  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:55:45 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I want to express my full support for increasing funding for immigrant legal services in San Francisco. As a school social worker, I witness firsthand the deep impact that immigration-related fears have on our students and their families.

When students worry about their family members' safety or possible separation, their anxiety levels rise significantly. This affects their ability to focus, learn, and feel secure in the classroom. Many of our young people carry the weight of uncertainty about their loved ones' future — an emotional burden that no child should have to bear.

Our immigrant legal services, including the rapid response hotline and access to free attorneys, provide critical stability and reassurance to families during times of crisis. These services are not just about legal representation; they are about preserving the sense of safety and belonging that every child needs to thrive.

I urge you to support the proposed supplemental funding for immigrant legal services and to continue standing with immigrant youth and their caregivers. Your leadership can make a direct, tangible difference in the emotional well-being and academic success of countless students across our city.

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to equity and justice for our immigrant communities.

In community,

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*"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept".*

*— Angela Davis*

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**From:** [Woehl, Dawn B.](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting Legal Services for Immigrants  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:35:32 AM

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

I'm a school social worker in SFUSD, and I work closely with students and families who are part of our city's immigrant community. Every day I see how much these families contribute to our schools and neighborhoods, and also how challenging it can be for them to navigate complex systems on their own.

At our school, we share information about the rapid response hotline and immigrant legal services so families know where to turn if they need trusted legal help or support in an emergency. We view this as an important safety measure that helps families feel more informed and connected.

These services make a real difference in reducing fear and uncertainty, allowing kids to stay focused on learning and families to remain stable and supported. Strengthening this kind of help is one of the most direct ways our city can promote the wellbeing and success of young people.

I hope you'll consider increasing funding for these programs so more families can access the help they need.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

--  
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- The Safe & Sound TALK Line: 415-441-KIDS (415-441-5437)
- 24-hr Child Crisis: (628) 217-7000 only de-escalation and hospitalization (no welfare checks)
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

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**From:** [Jackson, Fiona](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for increased funding for immigration legal services  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:03:55 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support of increasing funding for immigration legal services. I work in an elementary school and see directly how important it is to provide critical support to youth and families at this time. Services like the rapid response network and legal support are extremely necessary, and I hope the increased funding is approved.

Thank you,

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In case of emergency, call 911. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of assistance, please contact one of the following:

- Child Crisis: 415-970-3800 for de-escalation or hospitalization
- Crisis Hotline / SF Suicide Prevention Hotline: 415-781-0500
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
- Safe & Sound Parent TALK Line: 415-441-KIDS (5437)
- SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUS 66746

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**From:** [Eli Rico Mosby](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Supplemental Funding for Immigration Services\_RICO MOSBY, ELIZABETH  
**Date:** Monday, October 27, 2025 10:39:07 PM  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Elizabeth (Eli) Rico Mosby, and I am writing to express my strong support for the \$3.5 million supplemental funding request for immigration services. This funding will allow immigrant-serving organizations to continue providing critical legal representation, community education, and emergency response; services that keep families together and uphold San Francisco's long-standing sanctuary commitment.

I have worked in immigration law in San Francisco for over seven years, supporting immigrant families who continue to fight for the same safety and dignity that so many of our own families once hoped for. Through my work with La Raza Community Resource Center as a DOJ Accredited Representative and Legal Coordinator, and now with Mission Action as a Defensive Immigration Intern, I have seen firsthand how this work is made possible through the City's investment in SFILEN, SFILDC, and the San Francisco Rapid Response Network. These programs make it possible for allies and advocates like myself and many others to continue helping families access protection, legal representation, and hope.

The organizations that make up SFILEN, Rapid Response, and SFILDC provide direct legal representation and critical support to hundreds of immigrants and their families each year. Together, they handle cases involving asylum, deportation defense, family petitions, U visas for survivors of violence, and work authorization applications, amongst others. They are the backbone of San Francisco's safety net for immigrant families, ensuring that when someone is detained there is an attorney ready to respond, when a family receives a Notice to Appear there is someone who can explain their rights, and when a child faces separation from their beloved parents there is a team working to keep them safe and together.

However, resources are stretched to the limit. Caseloads have grown while funding has not kept pace with the urgent need. Limited funding restricts the ability of our

organizations to maintain stable staffing and infrastructure at a time when the demand for immigration representation continues to grow with each new set of procedural and policy changes issued by the Department of Homeland Security and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. These changes are occurring with unprecedented speed, creating new requirements, deadlines, and filing obligations that make each case more complex and time-intensive. Without adequate funding, our legal teams struggle to maintain the level of responsiveness and preparation that these developments require, weakening the city's coordinated response and leaving many families without the representation they urgently need.

The proposed \$3.5 million in supplemental funding will make a tangible difference by strengthening organizational capacity through competitive and equitable staff compensation, retention of experienced attorneys and paralegals, and the addition of essential administrative support to improve coordination and compliance. It will also help ensure that legal and education partners can continue providing consistent outreach, community workshops, and high-quality representation that hundreds of San Franciscans rely on each year. This investment will safeguard and bolster the city's immigrant legal infrastructure and ensure its long-term stability and effectiveness.

This support not only provides safety and stability for immigrant families but also gives them the freedom to live without fear, to step out of the shadows, and to fully contribute to the social, commercial, and economic success of San Francisco. Our city thrives when immigrants are able to work openly, build businesses, and participate in civic life. When we invest in immigrant protection, we invest in the strength and prosperity of San Francisco itself.

I want to thank all the Board of Supervisors members for continuing to stand with our immigrant community and for defending the values that make this city a true sanctuary. Supporting this funding means supporting the families, workers, and students who make San Francisco thrive. It also builds lasting civic trust and goodwill among communities who see and remember which leaders stand with them. That trust strengthens not only our neighborhoods but the shared future we all build together.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your continued commitment to immigrant justice.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth (Eli) Rico Mosby



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**From:** [Brandon Vesely](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please increase funding for immigration legal services  
**Date:** Monday, October 27, 2025 5:11:50 PM  
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

My name is Brandon Vesely, and I am an immigration attorney with Mission Action, a non-profit organization located in District 9.

I write to express my strong support for the supplemental budget request for immigration legal services co-sponsored by Supervisors Chan, Chen, Walton, Fielder, and Mahmood. City funding enables Mission Action, alongside a robust network of non-profit organizations, to provide a wide range of services to San Francisco's immigrant community, including but not limited to, full-scope representation for residents at risk of deportation and emergency legal interventions for San Francisco residents that are arrested by ICE. Several weeks ago, a colleague and I raced to ICE's offices on 630 Sansome Street after ICE kidnapped one of our neighbors at a routine immigration court hearing, despite his pending application for asylum. As part of our network's response, a partner organization filed a habeas petition and secured his release the same day.

Nonetheless, existing funding levels are not adequate to sustain the level of services that this moment requires. The dedicated team of legal advocates that I work with are increasingly struggling to meet the overwhelming need for immigration legal services and interventions amidst the Trump administration's escalating attacks on immigrants. The stakes have never been higher for our immigrant neighbors. Just last week, the administration threatened to unleash masked ICE officers, supported by the national guard, on the streets of San Francisco harass and detain immigrant community members. Please meet the urgency of this moment and stand up for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents by approving this important supplemental budget request.

Sincerely,  
Brandon Vesely



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