

1 [Supporting the Right to Peacefully Assemble and Protest and Denouncing Militarized
2 Suppression of Protests]

3 **Resolution affirming the public's right to peacefully assemble and protest actions of**
4 **the federal government, condemning the militarization of civil response to peaceful**
5 **protests, and reaffirming San Francisco's commitment to immigrant justice and the**
6 **City's Sanctuary Ordinance.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has long been a national symbol of resistance, where
9 peaceful protest is not only protected by the United States Constitution but embraced as
10 essential to justice and democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, From civil rights marches to labor pickets and immigrant solidarity rallies,
12 San Franciscans have shown that change begins when people speak out; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2025, at least fifteen people, including a three-year-old child,
14 were detained by federal immigration agents at a San Francisco ICE Field Office during what
15 advocates described as a routine check-in; and

16 WHEREAS, Such actions traumatize families, and erode trust in public institutions
17 intended to serve and protect all residents; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of California has sued the federal government, alleging that
19 President Trump's deployment of National Guard troops to Los Angeles over the objection of
20 state and local elected leaders violates the United States Constitution, and State Senator
21 Scott Wiener has warned that these actions represent "an aggressive move toward a fascist
22 police state," including threats to arrest the Governor of California; and

23 WHEREAS, Protestors across California and in San Francisco have mobilized in
24 response, calling for the protection of immigrants, the demilitarization of civic life, and the
25 upholding of fundamental democratic rights; and

1 WHEREAS, Journalists play a critical role in documenting public events, safeguarding
2 transparency, and holding power to account, and the First Amendment of the United States
3 Constitution guarantees their freedom to report without government interference or retaliation;
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5 WHEREAS, Multiple reports from Los Angeles and San Francisco have surfaced of
6 journalists being threatened, harassed, or injured while covering recent protests, raising alarm
7 about violations of press freedom and the chilling of constitutionally protected activity; and

8 WHEREAS, Immigrants are part of the fabric of San Francisco's neighborhoods,
9 raising families, operating small businesses, teaching in schools, and powering essential
10 industries in every district, including the most heavily immigrant neighborhoods in the city; and

11 WHEREAS, A broad coalition of labor unions and advocacy organizations, including SF
12 Labor Council and all its affiliates, the Asian Law Caucus, SF Rising, Haiti Action Committee,
13 California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR),
14 Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC), San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense
15 Collaboration, San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network, and the San Francisco
16 Latino Task Force, have provided critical support to immigrant families and defended their
17 right to peacefully assemble and protest the federal government's actions; and

18 WHEREAS, The use of militarized force by the National Guard or Federal armed forces
19 to suppress lawful protests, especially in immigrant and working-class communities, threatens
20 the ability of the public to exercise their First Amendment right to assemble; and

21 WHEREAS, Protests are not a breakdown of order but a response to injustice and a
22 demand for accountability when institutions fail to uphold their obligations; now, therefore, be
23 it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 affirms its unwavering support for the right to peaceful protest and recognizes it as
3 foundational to a democratic society; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board reaffirms San Francisco's Sanctuary City
5 Ordinance; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board condemns the deployment of military force in
7 civilian settings, rejects the use of state violence to suppress peaceful protest, and denounces
8 any federal action that threatens democratic governance, local autonomy, or constitutional
9 checks and balances; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the State of California's legal
11 challenge to the federal government's deployment of National Guard troops and affirms the
12 importance of maintaining local and state authority over public safety; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commends the continued work of labor and
14 community organizations who support immigrant families, defend civil liberties, and provide
15 legal and mutual aid support; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board declares that hope must be stronger than fear
17 and that the voices of the people, including immigrants, workers, students, and families, must
18 continue to illuminate the path forward for our democracy.