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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Sylvia Mestayer-Collins regarding File No. 230178.

File No. 230178 - Upholding San Francisco Values to Protect our Sanctuary City

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sylvia Mestayer-Collins <[candscoll@gmail.com](mailto:candscoll@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** public comment in support of upholding the current SF Sanctuary Ordinance

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To the esteemed Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco:

My name is Sylvia Mestayer-Collins and I am first generation US born and San Francisco native. My parents immigrated from Nicaragua in 1952 and I vividly remember both the wonderful and rewarding times and the very difficult times we faced as an immigrant family.

I support Supervisor Ronen's resolution to uphold SF's current Sanctuary Ordinance and reject Mayor Breed, District Attorney Jenkins and Supervisor Dorsey's proposed amendments to the ordinance:

- 1) The proposed amendments are unnecessary and dangerous: Nothing in the Ordinance prevents local police or the D.A. from arresting and charging undocumented immigrants for crimes committed. It simply limits local support for federal ICE operations.
- 2) Federal officials can still deport undocumented fentanyl deals regardless of the Sanctuary Ordinance. Just like any other law enforcement agency they would just have to get a warrant.
- 3) Amending the Sanctuary Ordinance could create further mistrust by the community of local government and law enforcement agencies, in that undocumented persons are less likely to access assistance and/or report crimes if they are fearful of deportation or other government retaliation, which would affect everyone's public safety. IS THIS WHAT WE WANT??

4) There is no proof that immigrants and their families are causing the opioid and fentanyl crisis. It's easy to find a scapegoat and use public fear to push forward an agenda. The real problem is a PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE OF ADDICTION. City officials need to take accountability and make policy changes and build programs to offer and provide mental health and substance abuse problems to stem the DEMAND for drugs, not stigmatize our immigrant communities!

5) Some Mexican and Central American children are being threatened, coerced and forced into selling drugs. Federal government needs to issue work authorizations and fix a very broken immigration system to allow undocumented immigrants to work legally and thereby help feed and support their families.

6) Amending the Sanctuary Ordinance will increase pressure from anti-immigration groups to continue eroding the Ordinance's current protections of vulnerable immigrants.

7) Persons who are deported often have no support systems, jobs or protections and often fall into horrible and dangerous situations, including death in their country of origin. Deportation affects entire families, not just one person.

Thank you.