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1	[Condemning Texas State Senate Bill No. 147 (Kolkhorst) - Banning the Purchase of Real Property by Immigrants]
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3	Resolution condemning Texas State Senate Bill No. 147, introduced by Texas State
4	Senator Lois Kolkhorst, that prohibits immigrants from owning Texas real estate.
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6	WHEREAS, Texas State Senator Lois Kolkhorst introduced State Senate Bill 147 (SB
7	147) which as currently proposed, will prohibit, among other things, citizens of China, Iran,
8	North Korea, or Russia from owning real property located in the State of Texas; and
9	WHEREAS, SB 147, perhaps disguised as necessary for national security, is a racist
10	proposal that serves no legitimate state purpose; and
11	WHEREAS, SB 147 is at its core an Alien Land Law, which was deeply rooted in our dark
12	and ugly history of targeting and banning Asian Americans from owning real estate in
13	Washington, Oregon, and California, serving only to institutionalize racism and discriminatory
14	practices; and
15	WHEREAS, We have since then learned from this racist past and overturned Alien
16	Land Laws, including in California, when in 1952 the California Supreme Court ruled that
17	California's 1920 Alien Land Law violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, Alien Land Laws and other exclusionary policies have a harmful and
20	dehumanizing effect on immigrants, their families, and their communities and the
21	repercussions are still felt today; and
22	WHEREAS, SB 147 prevents Asian and other immigrants from establishing roots in the
23	state, making investments in their communities, and pursuing the American Dream; and
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1	WHEREAS, SB 147 will create unnecessary and undue burdens and expenses on
2	financial institutions, title insurance companies, professionals, and the real estate industry;
3	and
4	WHEREAS, Alien Land Laws like SB 147 violate the Equal Protection Clause of the
5	United States Constitution and the Civil Rights Act; and
6	WHEREAS, There is broad community opposition to SB 147 including the Asian
7	American Bar Association of Houston (AABA Houston), the Austin Asian American Bar
8	Association (Austin AABA), and the Dallas Asian American Bar Association (DAABA), and the
9	National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA); now, therefore, be it
10	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11	condemns SB 147 as a racist, unconstitutional measure and urges the Texas State
12	Legislature to withdraw SB 147; and, be it
13	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14	Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the
15	Texas State Senate and the Texas State Assembly as well as the Bill's primary sponsor; and,
16	be it
17	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18	Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the
19	Governor of the State of California to send to the Governor of Texas.
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By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 147

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by certain aliens or foreign entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5.005, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.005. ALIENS. Except as provided by Section 5.0051,  $\underline{an}$  [An] alien has the same real and personal property rights as a United States citizen.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 5, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 5.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.0051. PURCHASE OF OR ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY BY CERTAIN FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES PROHIBITED. Notwithstanding any other law, the following may not purchase or otherwise acquire title to real property in this state:

(1) a governmental entity of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

(2) a company or other entity that is:

(A) headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, or

Russia;

(B) directly or indirectly held or controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; or

(C) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia;

(3) a company or other entity that is owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of which is held or controlled by a company or entity described by Subdivision (2); or

(4) an individual who is a citizen of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the purchase of or other acquisition of title to real property on or after the effective date of this Act. The purchase of or other acquisition of title to real property before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.



#### **Resolution Against Texas' Senate Bill 147**

The San Francisco Labor Council strongly condemns and opposes passage of Texas' Senate Bill 147, which if enacted would ban citizens of China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran from buying property or real estate in Texas. At least 11 other states are considering similar legislation. The ultra-conservative American Legislative Council is supporting and raising money to pass these bills as a "model policy" justified on the grounds of U.S. national security.

Whereas, support for these racist and xenophobic bills is based on the four countries being designated as enemies of the United States; and

Whereas, we are a nation of laws and SB147 would violate the equal protection and due process protections of the Constitution; and

Whereas, passing SB147 and similar legislation would offend our basic principles of morality, racial, and economic justice; and

Whereas, these racist, xenophobic, and unconstitutional bills would be a shameful revival of the darkest, ugliest, and most hateful periods of our past,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council demands that members of the Texas Senate condemn and reject SB147; and

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council forward this resolution to the California Labor Federation and to the AFL-CIO for concurrence and appropriate action.

Adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on March 13, 2023.

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March 13, 2023

Supervisor Connie Chan San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating racist history and reject this Texas bill.

We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Sincerely,

Andy Wong

Managing Director of Advocacy

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Re: Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

Community Youth Center of San Francisco strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating racist history and reject this Texas bill.

We join the man community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Very Truly Yours,

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Re:

Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

On behalf of the Japanese Community Youth Council, we would like to express our strong support for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Tragically, this parallels the same pattern of racism that led to incarceration of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII.

Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating the racist history of America and reject this Texas bill and other attempts to scapegoat innocent immigrants.

We join our fellow community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to pass this resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Sincerely,

Jon Osaki

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Re:

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Dear Supervisor Chan,

Self-Help for the Elderly strongly supports the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative findings or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating racist history and reject this Texas

We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the passing of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Sincerely,

Anni Chung

President and CEO

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Dear Supervisor Chan,

Rebecca Lee Michael Moon Jon Moscone Sophia Xiao Manni Liu

Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

Executive Director Jenny Leung This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating racist history and reject this Texas bill.

Advisory Council Abby Chen Irene Yee Riley Sherman Tang Norman Yee

We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

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Re: Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

The Asian and Pacific Islander Council of San Francisco (API Council) strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning Texas real estate. Texas has no legitimate state interest in denying immigrants the opportunity to own Texas real estate. It has been long established that alien land laws are unconstitutional and serve only to exclude and deny opportunities to immigrants and communities of color. We must stop repeating racist history and reject this Texas bill.

We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

I respectfully ask you for your consideration in supporting this effort. I am available anytime to discuss my support. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at: cally.wong@apicouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Cally Wong
Executive Director
API Council



Supervisor Connie Chan San Francisco Board of Supervisors Via e-mail

March 13, 2023

Re: Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

The San Francisco Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

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We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these racist resolutions and stand in strong support of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Sincerely,

Judy Hamaguchi

President

Japanese American Citizens League San Francisco Chapter Board of Directors Judy Hamaguchi, President; David Takashima, Vice President; Emily Murase, PhD, Secretary; John Hayashi, Treasurer; Board Members: Joyce Nakamura, Elena Nielsen, Merry Nishimura.

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Re:

Support for San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate"

Dear Supervisor Chan,

San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

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We join the many community organizations and bar associations in condemning these resolutions and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Very Truly Yours,

Harlan Wong

First Vice President

Chinese New Year Festival & Parade Director

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Dear Supervisor Chan,

Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

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Very Truly Yours,

Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative

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