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March 23, 2023

Via Email -chanstaff@sfgov.org
Supervisor Connie Chan
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
City Hall
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,

The YMCA of San Francisco 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 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,

Jamie Bruning-Miles
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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,

Chinatown Community Development Center strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate. As a community development organization, we serve the roles of neighborhood advocates, organizers, and planners with the goal of building community and enhancing the quality of life for low income, immigrant, and communities of color.

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.”

Very Truly Yours,

Maggie Dong
Community Planner

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March 22, 2023

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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 Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) 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.”

Regards,

Joyce Lam
Political Director
Chinese Progressive Association

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March 21, 2023

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City Hall
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,

The Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA) 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,

Justin Hoover
Executive Director
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March 20, 2023

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City Hall
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,

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Bay Area strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting citizens of China, Russia, North Korea and Iran from owning Texas real estate.

In the first half of the 1900s the Jewish community experienced racial covenants in communities across the United States and were unable to buy homes in certain neighborhoods. We know the negative consequences these sorts of laws can have on individuals, families and communities.

Additionally, this bill appears to be based solely on xenophobia, without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of threats due to 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 Texas State Bill No. 147 and request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors pass the resolution "Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate."

Sincerely,


Jessica Trubowitch
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March 14, 2023

Honorable Connie Chan
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Re: Resolution Condemning Texas State Senate Bill No. 147-Banning the Purchase of Real Property by Immigrants

Dear Supervisor Chan:

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California strongly oppose Texas State Senate Bill No. 147.

This proposed measure is an ugly reoccurrence of an archaic and moribund piece of legislation that our country confirmed should be abolished as it discriminated against targeted ethnic communities.

Over 110 years later, there is an attempt to again deny certain individuals the right to acquire title to purchase land. Many of the individuals who will be affected by this legislation probably have no or very little affiliation of what is happening with diplomatic relations with the United States. Yet, the legislation punishes and blanketly assumes that any person immigrating from the identified countries named in the legislation are unworthy of holding land by their birth affiliation.

This simply makes no sense and is against any and all of the principles of this country that prides itself on the strength and contributions of individuals representing all corners of the globe.

We as descendants of parents, grandparents and great grandparents of those who were not able to own land because of their ethnic heritage clearly understand the serious repercussions of such a blatantly racist proposal and stand in solidarity with you to officially oppose any further discussion on this measure.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,



Paul Osaki
Executive Director

March 19, 2023

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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,

APA Justice Task Force strongly supports San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution Condemning Texas State Bill No. 147 prohibiting immigrants from owning Texas real estate.

At least 9 discriminatory land ownership bills have been introduced in the 88th legislative session in Texas and similar bills have also been introduced in other states around the country. However, Texas State Bill No. 147 is the first one to triggered heated debate as evidenced by the hearing of two of these bills at the Texas Senate State Affairs Committee on the Texas Independence Day, March 2, 2023. During the hearing, 129 out of the 139 people testified at the hearing were against these bills. Texas State Bill No. 147 is now becoming a symbol and watched by people nationwide.

This bill is based solely on xenophobia without any legislative finding or reliable evidence of any threat of immigrants owning 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 community organizations and bar associations across the country 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,

APA Justice Task Force co-organizers
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Hi Erica,

Please see below email to include with File No. 230228.

Thank you!
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March 16, 2023

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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,

Rose Pak Democratic Club 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,

Rose Pak Democratic Club

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