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FILE NO. 251119 RESOLUTION NO.

[Supporting Immigrant Communities and Local Autonomy]

Resolution recognizing that San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance prohibits the use of City resources to assist any federally deployed National Guard personnel or other federal agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement; and reaffirming the City's enduring commitment to support immigrant communities.

WHEREAS, In 1989, the City and County of San Francisco enacted the Sanctuary City Ordinance (Administrative Code, Chapter 12H) to ensure that no City resources would be used to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law, establishing San Francisco as one of the first municipalities in the United States to formally protect the rights and safety of immigrant residents; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors reaffirmed and strengthened those protections in 2013 with the adoption of the Due Process for All Ordinance (Administrative Code, Chapter 12I), further limiting the circumstances under which City departments may cooperate with federal civil immigration enforcement and ensuring due process and equal treatment for all residents; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Sanctuary policies have long been rooted in the recognition that trust between immigrant communities and local government is essential to public safety, public health, and civic participation, and that fear of deportation or surveillance undermines those goals; and

WHEREAS, The Sanctuary framework embodies San Francisco's core values of inclusion, dignity, and the right of all people to live free from discrimination, harassment, or intimidation, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Over more than three decades, San Francisco's Sanctuary laws have served as a national model for safeguarding local autonomy and community trust, principles that have been repeatedly reaffirmed in the face of shifting federal policies and enforcement priorities; and

WHEREAS, Across the nation and in cities such as San Francisco, residents have voiced renewed concern that federal agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or federally-deployed National Guard units, could be tasked with civil immigration enforcement operations, fueling anxiety in immigrant communities and underscoring the need to safeguard local autonomy and Sanctuary protections; and

WHEREAS, To reaffirm local autonomy and community safety amid these shifting federal dynamics, the City seeks to make clear that its Sanctuary protections apply equally to any federal entity conducting civil immigration enforcement, including federalized National Guard troops, ensuring that City resources are not used to assist in civil immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Sanctuary Ordinance provides that City departments, officers, and employees shall not use City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration law except where required by federal or state law or court order, and shall not collect, maintain, or disseminate information regarding an individual's immigration status except as specifically required by law; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to these Ordinances, City employees are prohibited from participating in investigations, surveillance, arrests, or any other enforcement actions conducted by the United States (U.S.) Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any other federal agency engaged in civil immigration enforcement, and are similarly prohibited from sharing personal or identifying information, including home or work addresses,

emergency contacts, or other information as specified in Chapter 12I of the Administrative Code, that could be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Across the country, cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, and Portland have reaffirmed or expanded their own Sanctuary City commitments in recent months, recognizing the importance of local autonomy and community trust during periods of federal uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, California's Values Act (Government Code, Sections 7282–7284.12) further reinforces these protections statewide by limiting local cooperation with civil immigration enforcement and affirming that public resources shall not be used to separate families or erode community trust; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Sanctuary laws have been strengthened and upheld through decades of partnership among community organizations, legal advocates, and residents who continue to advance policies rooted in safety, justice, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in the Sanctuary Ordinance prohibits City cooperation with the National Guard or other federal or state agencies when engaged in disaster response, humanitarian assistance, or other lawful non-immigration activities; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco remains steadfast in its commitment to uphold local authority, preserve community trust, and protect all residents from discrimination or fear based on their immigration status; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes and affirms that San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance (Administrative Code, Chapter 12H) prohibits the use of City funds, personnel, or resources to assist any federal agency personnel or other federal agents engaged in civil immigration enforcement unless required by law or court order, and confirms that these prohibitions apply equally to the use of City funds, personnel, or resources to assist any federalized military or law

enforcement agency engaged in civil immigration enforcement activity within City limits; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms that San Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance and Due Process for All Ordinance provide comprehensive prohibitions against local participation in civil immigration enforcement, including cooperation with any federalized National Guard units acting under federal command; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors remains committed to continuing public communication and community partnership to reassure residents that San Francisco's Sanctuary laws remain in full force and effect, and that City resources, personnel, and facilities shall not be used to assist in federal civil immigration enforcement under any circumstances except as required by law or court order.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ■ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
  (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires…"
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
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- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Sponsor(s):

Mahmood; Chen, Walton, Sauter, Chan, Fielder

Subject:

Supporting Immigrant Communities and Local Autonomy

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Bilal Mahmood