

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 54 (De León) - California Values Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 54, authored by Senator De León, the**  
4 **California Values Act, to limit state and local law enforcement’s entanglement with**  
5 **federal immigration enforcement.**

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7 WHEREAS, On December 7, 2016, California Senate Pro Tem Kevin DeLeón  
8 introduced California State Senate Bill 54 (SB 54), titled the California Values Act, to prevent  
9 the use of state and local resources to aid Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in  
10 carrying out deportations, require state agencies to review their confidentiality policies to  
11 ensure the privacy of individuals seeking services, and ensure that schools, hospitals, and  
12 courthouses remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration  
13 status; and

14 WHEREAS, The California Values Act is an omnibus immigrant rights legislation, that if  
15 passed, would set an example for states throughout the country about how states can limit  
16 use of local and state resources from engaging in deportations; and

17 WHEREAS, There has been a growing backlash against immigrants in the United  
18 States, stoked by Donald Trump and members of his Cabinet and advisory staff; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2016 presidential election cycle, Trump consistently  
20 demonized immigrant, both documented and undocumented, and Mexican communities with  
21 promises to “build a wall” on the U.S.-Mexico border and engage in mass deportations; and

22 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2017, Trump released an Executive Order titled  
23 “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States,” which, among other things,  
24 threatens to cut funding to Sanctuary Cities, attempts to increase local law enforcement’s

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1 collaboration with ICE by reviving the controversial and now-defunct Secure Communities  
2 Program (S-Comm), and vastly expands the priorities for deportation; and

3 WHEREAS, S-Comm was terminated in 2014 after then-Department of Homeland  
4 Security Secretary Jeh Johnson recognized that the program “attracted a great deal of  
5 criticism” and that “its very name [became] a symbol for general hostility toward the  
6 enforcement of . . . immigration laws” from government leaders, community members, and  
7 courts alike; and

8 WHEREAS, Community groups, including advocates for survivors of domestic  
9 violence, have expressed serious concerns that entanglement of local law enforcement with  
10 ICE further isolates survivors and will damage community confidence in local law  
11 enforcement, and even crime victims and witnesses may consider themselves “priorities” for  
12 deportation; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a diverse and immigrant-rich county, where 35.6% of its  
14 residents are born outside of the United States and 45% speak a language other than English  
15 at home, and therefore our city strives to create an inclusive environment which integrates  
16 and respects all of its residents equally; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors resolved in Resolution  
18 No. 269-10 on June 8, 2010, that “[T]he ‘Secure Communities’ police/ICE collaboration  
19 program would undermine San Francisco’s values, seriously harm public safety, and tear hard  
20 working San Francisco families apart,” on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File  
21 No. 100650, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;  
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23 WHEREAS, On November 15, 2016, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
24 unanimously resolved in Resolution No. 484-16, titled “Resolution responding to the election  
25 of Donald Trump and reaffirming San Francisco’s commitment to the values of inclusivity,

1 respect, and dignity,” that “San Francisco will remain a Sanctuary City; we will not turn our  
2 backs on the men and women from other countries who help make this city great,” on file with  
3 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 161235, which is hereby declared to be a  
4 part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
6 hereby urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to pass the California Values  
7 Act (SB 54); and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
9 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the Resolution to the Governor of California, the  
10 California State Senate, and the California State Assembly.

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