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MEMORANDUM

TO: Adele Carpenter, Director
Youth Commission

FROM: *AC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

DATE: November 3, 2017

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 171167

Resolution urging the Federal Government to extend Temporary Protected Status for all thirteen nations currently included in the program, and to establish a pathway to permanency for these recipients.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.**

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

____ No Comment

____ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Urging the Federal Government to Extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for All Nations
2 Currently Under the Program]

3 **Resolution urging the Federal Government to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**
4 **for all thirteen nations currently included in the program, and to establish a pathway to**
5 **permanency for these recipients.**

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7 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, is a temporary, renewable program
8 that provides relief from deportation and access to a work permit for certain migrants from a
9 small number of countries who may not meet the legal definition of refugee but who cannot
10 safely return to their country of origin; and

11 WHEREAS, Under current law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a
12 country for TPS when one of three circumstances occurs: There is “ongoing armed conflict”
13 that creates unsafe conditions for returning nationals; there has been an earthquake, flood,
14 drought, epidemic, or other natural disaster that makes the state temporarily unable to accept
15 the return of its nationals, and the state has requested TPS designation; or “extraordinary and
16 temporary” conditions in a state prevent its nationals from returning safely; and

17 WHEREAS, The TPS provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act states that a bill
18 or amendment that provides for the adjustment to lawful temporary or legal permanent
19 resident (LPR) status for any migrant receiving TPS requires a supermajority vote in the
20 Senate (i.e., three-fifths of all Senators) voting affirmatively; and

21 WHEREAS, Provisions that would have allowed nationals from various countries that
22 have had TPS to adjust to LPR status had been introduced in past Congresses, but not
23 enacted; and

24 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13768,
25 Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States, which was later implemented

1 through a memorandum signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security on February 20, 2017;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, These executive actions dramatically increased the universe of immigrants
4 subject to deportation, eliminating the Obama Administration's enforcement priorities; and

5 WHEREAS, Consequently, many beneficiaries will not only become subject to
6 deportation, but will be at serious risk because DHS has extensive and updated records on
7 their places of residence and work; and

8 WHEREAS, The highest number of these TPS holders come from El Salvador, Haiti,
9 and Honduras; and

10 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest population of TPS beneficiaries in the
11 country, with 55,000 people in the state, including an estimated 15,000-20,000 of those
12 individuals living in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

13 WHEREAS, Many TPS beneficiaries and their families have deep ties to San
14 Francisco, the Bay Area and other communities across the nation, where they have started
15 businesses, built community, bought homes and positively contributed to the social, cultural
16 and economic fabric of cities and this nation; and

17 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm not only 350,000 beneficiaries nationwide, but
18 also a far greater number of family members; and

19 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm the San Francisco Bay Area, State, and
20 National economy with a projected \$45 billion reduction to the national GDP over a decade,
21 \$6.9 billion in lost Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, \$1 billion in
22 turnover costs to businesses, and \$3.1 billion in costs to the federal government to deport all
23 TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti and Honduras; and

1 WHEREAS, Conditions in designated TPS countries remain dangerous and unsafe,
2 such that deportation to these nations not only separate families, but place individuals and
3 their families at grave risk; and

4 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm San Francisco and the Bay Area by throwing
5 the lives of long-term city residents into chaos, separating parents from their children,
6 impacting local small businesses and ultimately damaging the social and economic fabric of
7 our city, and undermining our local values of inclusion and protection for All; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Federal
10 Government to extend TPS by no less than eighteen months (18 months) for all designated
11 countries; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
13 Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Federal Government work together to
14 legislate a pathway to permanent residency for TPS beneficiaries, some of whom have been
15 protected under the program for close to two decades.

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