[Opposing United States Housing & Urban Development Rule Prohibiting Mixed Status Families from Receiving Federal Housing Assistance]

Resolution opposing the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed rule requiring verification of immigration status and disqualifying prohibiting mixed immigration-status families from receiving federal housing assistance.

WHEREAS, Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, as amended, prohibits the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from making housing assistance available to persons other than United States citizens or certain categories of eligible noncitizens in programs covered by Section 214; HUD programs covered by Section 214 include public housing and Section 8 rent subsidies; and

WHEREAS, Currently, HUD allows families of mixed eligibility status to live together in subsidized housing and prorates the housing subsidy to exclude the ineligible person from the assistance and requires that individuals claiming eligible status and applying to receive housing assistance provide documentation of their eligible immigration status; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2019, HUD published FR-6124-P-01, a proposed new rule to implement Section 214, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190773, which is hereby declared to be part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein, which would require the verification of the eligible immigration status of all recipients of assistance under the age of 62 through Department of Homeland Security's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE); and

WHEREAS, The proposed rule specifies that families that include members who are determined to be ineligible will be evicted from subsidized housing no later than 18 months from verification, including eligible children in mixed-status families whose assistance has been prorated; and

WHEREAS, The proposed new rule could affect 164 families in San Francisco, comprising 680 people, including 333 children, causing them to lose their current homes and likely become homeless; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rule would impose onerous new reporting obligations by requiring U.S. citizens, who currently must provide only a signed declaration of citizenship, to submit documentation of their citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rule continues the Trump administration's heinous attacks on immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The proposed new rule would divert scarce city housing resources to screening and evicting, rather than housing; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco supports positive, inclusive efforts at the local, state, and federal level to ensure that everyone has access to safe and affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco opposes the proposed rule and cruel attack on children and families and denounces the targeted scapegoating of immigrants; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to Office of the General Counsel, Rules Docket Clerk, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0001 through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, referencing docket number FR-6124-P-01 Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status; and, be it

Supervisors Ronen; Peskin, Walton, Mar, Yee, Haney, Fewer, Safai, Mandelman **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to our Congressional representatives – Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senator Kamala Harris, and Senator Dianne Feinstein.



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Resolution

## File Number: 190773

## Date Passed: July 16, 2019

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July 16, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee Excused: 1 - Mar

File No. 190773

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/16/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

<u>Unsigned</u> London N. Breed Mayor

7/26/19

**Date Approved** 

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

7 26/19 Date