

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1096 (Rivas) - Alien: Change of Terms]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1096 (AB 1096), Alien:**
4 **Change of Terms, authored by Assembly Member Luz Rivas, to eliminate the**
5 **derogatory term “alien” from California state codes and urging the California State**
6 **Senate to pass AB 1096.**

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8 WHEREAS, California Assembly Member Luz Rivas introduced Assembly Bill No. 1096
9 (AB 1096) to eliminate the term “alien” from all California state codes and replace the word
10 with other language that is more reflective of today’s legal terminology; and

11 WHEREAS, The term “alien” has been used to describe non-U.S. born individuals by
12 the federal government since 1798; and

13 WHEREAS, The term “alien” has been used to describe non-U.S. born individuals in
14 California legal codes since its introduction into the California Legislature in 1937; and

15 WHEREAS, The term “alien” has been used as a derogatory reference to noncitizens
16 starting in the 1990s and has been weaponized by anti-immigrant and racist groups as a dog
17 whistle to express bigotry, hatred and dehumanize immigrant communities; and

18 WHEREAS, About 11 million foreign-born immigrants live in California and an
19 estimated 2 million are undocumented; and

20 WHEREAS, Racist incidents and anti-immigrant rhetoric has seen a surge in recent
21 years against Black, Brown, and Asian residents; and

22 WHEREAS, Removing the term “alien” is a necessary step to rectify the harms and
23 dark history of the term, and to treat immigrant and noncitizen California residents with dignity;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2015 California eliminated and replaced the term “alien” with
2 “noncitizen” in the California Labor Code but the term “alien” is still used throughout other
3 sections of California state law; and

4 WHEREAS, The California Assembly has passed AB 1096 with bipartisan support and
5 is being heard in the California Senate; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Senate to
7 pass AB 1096; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
9 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the offices of California Senators on the
10 California State Senate Judiciary Committee.



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Resolution

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Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1096 (AB 1096), Alien: Change of Terms, authored by Assembly Member Luz Rivas, to eliminate the derogatory term "alien" from California state codes and urging the California State Senate to pass AB 1096.

June 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Melgar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/15/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

06/25/2021

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.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

06/25/2021

Date