



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAN FRANCISCO'S SANCTUARY CITY POLICIES AND CALLING FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, San Francisco's City and County of Refuge Ordinance, also known as the Sanctuary City Ordinance, protects the civil rights of its residents regardless of immigration status by prohibiting City employees from sharing or disseminating information regarding the immigration status of individuals in the City and County of San Francisco with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and prohibiting City employees from assisting with immigration investigations or arrests unless such help is required by federal or state law or a warrant, expanding a 1985 City resolution intended to safeguard the rights of Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees, receiving extensive support from faith and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, in the absence of federal comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship, the San Francisco Democratic Party has supported the Sanctuary City Ordinance as an important policy that helps foster an environment that promotes meaningful cultural, economic, community, and civic participation by immigrants who might otherwise be at risk of removal and separation from their families, ensuring that immigrant families have access to quality services such as healthcare and education, and setting an example that has since been adopted by more than 200 sanctuary cities around the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Ed Lee unanimously adopted the Due Process for All Ordinance, which provides further safeguards for the civil liberties of undocumented immigrants and both encourages effective community policing and protection of public safety by protecting both victims and witnesses of crimes and limiting instances in which San Francisco authorities are able to keep a person in criminal custody based solely on a civil detainer request from ICE; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the City's Sanctuary City and Due Process for All Ordinances; encourages the City and County of San Francisco to remain a city and county of refuge by maintaining the distinction and separation between local law enforcement authority and federal immigration authority; and urges the City not to participate in the Priority Enforcement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party condemns in the strongest possible terms possible attacks against immigrant families by leading Republicans and calls upon the Republican Party to instead join Democrats in passing comprehensive immigration reform that, in the words of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, "is humane, does not divide families, and addresses the growing disconnect between our nation's policy and the reality on the ground in cities and communities across our country," and in pursuing meaningful reform that, gun violence

prevention measures and increased funding for mental health services.

Sponsors: Joshua Arce, Assemblymember David Chiu, Matt Dorsey, Hene Kelly, Leah Pimentel, Francis Tsang, Supervisor Scott Wiener, Supervisor David Campos and Petra DeJesus.