



October 16, 2025

Re: Letter of Support for Maintaining the Independence and Continuity of the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission

Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of El/La Para TransLatinas, we write in strong support of maintaining the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) as an independent and ongoing Commission without a sunset date.

As an organization that serves trans, intersex, and gender-diverse Latinx immigrants, we know firsthand how crucial it is to have dedicated spaces where immigrant voices are centered, protected, and empowered. The IRC has been a steadfast ally to our communities—listening to our experiences, elevating our concerns, and collaborating on solutions that honor the dignity and rights of all immigrants in San Francisco.

The need for the IRC's leadership and advocacy is ongoing, not temporary. Immigrant communities—especially those who are trans, gender-diverse, or living at the intersections of multiple forms of marginalization—continue to face significant barriers to safety, housing, healthcare, and justice. At a time when immigrants are being highly criminalized and targeted, it is more important than ever to preserve independent bodies like the IRC that can respond quickly and courageously to community needs.

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that the city remains a national model for immigrant inclusion and human rights. We urge the Board of Supervisors to affirm this commitment by keeping the IRC independent, ongoing, and fully resourced to continue its essential work.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued partnership in protecting immigrant communities.

Sincerely,

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