

San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission

City and County of San Francisco

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Commissioner

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I apologize that I am unable to be there in person today. My mother is currently in the hospital and has been there since last Tuesday with heart failure. She is scheduled for surgery this Thursday, and the doctor team called me this afternoon and asked me to come see her for an emergency.

Although I am unable to attend, I would like the record to reflect that, regarding Item No. 8, I support the position presented by Commissioner Aljiran on this matter. My understanding is that this item is not about endorsing Prop D itself, but about whether the IRC should place a future item on the agenda for a neutral, factual impact analysis of Prop D on immigrant communities.

As Commissioners, we should feel encouraged - not restricted - to support educational work that informs our communities. While we fully respect the guidance against advocacy, it is also important to preserve space for objective discussion, factual analysis, and questions within the IRC's role.

Our immigrant communities deserve to understand how proposed measures may affect their lives. That is not endorsement or opposition - it is education. The distinction between advocacy and objective analysis matters, and I believe the IRC's role includes helping ensure our communities are informed.

While I understand that the Commission cannot take a position for or against a ballot measure in this context, I do support agendaing a future neutral impact report and preserving room for objective discussion consistent with the IRC's educational purpose.