

RESOLUTION OPPOSING DISCRIMINATORY TRAVEL BANS AND SUPPORTING IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a proud history of championing immigrant rights and standing against policies that discriminate based on protected characteristics such as race, ethnicity, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The federal administration has announced its intention to reinstate and expand a travel ban that raises concerns about renewed discrimination and exclusion of individuals based on their country of origin or background; and

WHEREAS, Such policies disproportionately harm families, students, workers, green card holders, and asylum seekers who rely on the ability to travel freely to the United States for safety, reunification, education, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, A broad range of immigrant and refugee communities in San Francisco and beyond have been and continue to be impacted by discriminatory immigration policies that restrict access to opportunity and destabilize lives; and

WHEREAS, These communities have made vital contributions to the civic, cultural, and economic fabric of San Francisco, enriching neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions across the city; and

WHEREAS, Prior travel bans resulted in family separations, fear, and increased stigmatization, and undermining trust in government systems; and

WHEREAS, Xenophobia, discrimination, and exclusionary rhetoric continue to threaten the safety, well-being, and belonging of impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, The Immigrant Rights Commission recognizes that such policies contradict San Francisco's values of equity, inclusion, and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco remains fully committed to its sanctuary city policies and ensuring that the city remains a safe, welcoming, and inclusive place for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission reaffirms San Francisco's strong opposition to any travel ban or immigration policy that discriminates based on national origin or other protected characteristics, and expresses solidarity with all communities harmed by such actions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission urges local and state leaders to advance policies that are inclusive, equitable, and uphold the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of background or country of origin; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission will continue to advocate for and support policies that protect the rights of immigrants and all communities targeted by discriminatory immigration practices.