FILE NO. 261025 RESOLUTION NO. 525-26

[Urging California U.S. Senators and the Bay Area Congressional Delegation to Investigate and Condemn the de Facto Immigration Detention Center at San Francisco International Airport]

Resolution urging California United States (U.S.) Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla, and the San Francisco Bay Area Congressional delegation to investigate, provide oversight, and condemn the de facto immigration detention center at the San Francisco International Airport.

WHEREAS, The Federal government is using a section of the international terminal at the San Francisco International Airport as a de facto immigration detention center; and

WHEREAS, This detention center has become a holding site for individuals that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has surreptitiously intercepted on travel to and from San Francisco International Airport, cruelly separating families and leaving individuals in limbo; and

WHEREAS, The detention center has reportedly denied individuals in detention basic necessities and access to medical care, putting at risk the health and safety of people in custody, and depriving those with treatable chronic illnesses access to medicines and necessary medical consults; and

WHEREAS, Individuals in custody at this location have been denied access to an attorney, violating fundamental rights and due process laws; and

WHEREAS, This detention center does not have adequate overnight facilities for holding individuals for multiple days, without appropriate sleeping areas, beds, blankets, and privacy, and with overhead lights that are perpetually on; and

WHEREAS, Individuals have been held for extended periods of time, in some cases more than eight days without these basic services, medicines, and access to legal counsel,

violating United States (U.S.) law and protocol of the U.S. Customs and Border Protections which limits holds to 72 hours; and

WHEREAS, According to a San Francisco Chronicle report, San Francisco International Airport has a high percentage of green-card holders among detainees, with 19 among its 25 cases in this category, demonstrating that individuals who are lawfully in the United States are repeatedly being harassed and detained with no cause; and

WHEREAS, This same San Francisco Chronicle report found that some of the immigrants were taken to the San Francisco International Airport after landing at other California airports, including from Fresno Yosemite International Airport which is located over 180 miles from San Francisco, revealing this as a de facto detention center functioning out of the public eye; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo), arrived at the site to receive a tour, as is his right as a member of Congress, and was initially turned away on his first visit; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Mullin was finally allowed entry six days later on his second visit, after which he stated to the Chronicle, "this is no way to treat human beings" and noted that this is a policy shift directly coming from the Trump administration; and

WHEREAS, While San Francisco International Airport, and thereby the City and County of San Francisco as a Sanctuary City, does not have jurisdiction over Customs and Border Protection's immigration operations at SFO, Congress does have authority over the Department of Homeland Security and can demand oversight; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges California Senators Schiff and Padilla, and the greater Bay Area Congressional delegation to visit this de facto detention center and investigate the allegations of denial of medical care and access to due process; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the California Senators and Representatives condemn the existence of this de facto immigration detention center that is impacting immigrant families and travelers throughout San Francisco and the greater Bay Area; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution upon passage to the Senators Schiff and Padilla, and the Bay Area Congressional Delegation (Congressional Districts 2, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18).

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September 22, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong
Excused: 1 - Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/22/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10/02/2026

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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/02/2026

Date