Resolution urging the United States Congress to guarantee protections for immigrants and to ensure the inclusion of immigrant communities during the next federal relief package developed in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

WHEREAS, California has the largest population of immigrants in the nation, critical to fueling our state’s economic engine; and

WHEREAS, In this unprecedented moment in history, immigrants continue to show their commitment to this nation by placing their own health at risk on behalf of the greater population working as healthcare providers and maintenance workers cleaning hospitals, government buildings, and other facilities that are essential to our response to the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Immigrant workers also work as truckers moving goods and produce up and down the state, farm workers securing local food supplies, grocery workers stocking local supermarkets, and countless other service-industry jobs so that the majority of the State’s population can shelter-in-place, have food and basic needs met, and comply with the State’s public health mandate; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a federal program that provides work authorization documents to citizens of specifically designated countries who cannot return to their country of origin due to ongoing armed conflict, natural disaster, or other extraordinary conditions that make it difficult or unsafe to return; and

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a federal program that provides work authorization documents to individuals that arrived in the United States as
children and who work in public institutions such as local and state government, own businesses, and are represented in every sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, TPS and DACA beneficiaries combined are parents to more than a half a million U.S. born children (500,000+) who live in constant fear of family separation; and

WHEREAS, There is an estimated eleven to twelve million undocumented migrants in the U.S. actively contributing their labor to the nation, a great majority of them paying taxes without the benefit of work authorization documents, vulnerable to labor abuses, and forced to live in fear of family separation due to sweeping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

WHEREAS, Amid a global health pandemic, the inclusion of immigrants is critical to “flattening the curve,” according to public health guidance that indicates that the health and well-being of every member of the community is necessary to ensure the health of the entire country; and

WHEREAS, The Trump administration’s repeated attempts to terminate TPS, DACA, and other immigration relief programs has subjected millions of people to a constant state of limbo, fear of deportation, and family separation; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco’s Department of Public Health COVID-19 demographic data shows that immigrant, Latino, and African American populations are disproportionately impacted by this pandemic, a trend consistent with national data; and

WHEREAS, Like all Americans impacted by this public health crisis, immigrants also have an urgent need for economic relief, food assistance, housing security, and inclusion in all COVID-19 response and recovery efforts in cities, states, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the President signed a 2+ trillion federal relief bill that excluded the U.S. immigrant population and as a result of this exclusion, millions of
individuals, families, and children are suffering the worst impacts of this public health and
economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, As a nation we must recognize and protect immigrants whose labor and
sacrifices are an essential part of the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, The Center for American Progress estimates that the potential exclusion of
TPS beneficiaries alone from the labor market, due to the program’s cancelation by the Trump
Administration, will cost taxpayers over $3 billion, and the inability of these individuals to work
will result in over $45 billion in lost GDP over a decade and $6.9 billion in lost Social Security
and Medicare contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
urges California’s U.S. congressional representatives to include all Americans, without
exception of the nation’s immigrant population, in the next round of federal COVID-19 relief
package negotiations; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California’s U.S.
congressional representatives to ensure long-term protection for TPS beneficiaries, DACA
beneficiaries, and the greater undocumented immigrant population, so they can actively
participate in the nation’s economic recovery efforts; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California’s U.S.
congressional representatives to ensure adequate access to federal public health resources
for immigrant communities in response to the current COVID-19 global health pandemic; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California’s U.S.
congressional representatives to exclude any funding for immigrant detention or sweeping
ICE enforcement operations in the next federal relief package in response to COVID-19; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges California's U.S. congressional representatives to ensure immediate halt to deportations, and the release of immigrants in U.S. federal detention centers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to work proactively with the Mayor and various City Departments to continue to secure resources and advance local policies to protect all San Franciscans including immigrant residents; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to work proactively with San Francisco’s State and Federal officials to secure resources and advance policies aimed at protecting the entire population, without exclusion of immigrant communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify San Francisco's State and Federal legislative representatives, and the Office of the Governor of the State of California of the Board’s position accordingly.
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April 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was ADOPTED on 4/28/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor
05/08/2020
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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

05/08/2020
Date

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board