[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 937 (Carrillo) - The VISION Act]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 937, “The VISION Act,” authored by Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo, to prohibit any state or local agency from arresting or facilitating assisting with the arrest, confinement, detention, transfer, interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose.

WHEREAS, Refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California’s heart and identity, and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home; and

WHEREAS, California’s criminal justice system unjustly and disproportionately harms Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; and

WHEREAS, With the passing of SB 260, SB 261, SB 1437, AB 1812, which amended paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and Proposition 47, the Legislature and California voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our criminal justice system and ending mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Despite these reforms, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee community members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention beds, and approximately 70% of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been funneled through our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Prisons, jails, & ICE detention centers are notoriously toxic and violent; voluntarily transferring people from jail/prison to ICE worsens their health by lengthening their time behind bars; and

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WHEREAS, California should not subject these community members to a cruel “double
punishment,” and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and
community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants; and
WHEREAS, Ending ICE transfers in California is a reflection of the State’s commitment
to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration; and
WHEREAS, The VISION Act, Assembly Bill No. 937 (AB 937), authored by Assembly
Member Wendy Carrillo, prohibits jails, prisons, and other public agencies from funneling
community members who are eligible for release to ICE jails where they endure deplorable
conditions and face permanent separation from their families and communities; and
WHEREAS, Through the passing of the VISION Act, California has an opportunity to
set a model for the nation and advance a positive vision of a society based on care, healing,
and transformation; and
WHEREAS, Our community refuses to use local and state resources to separate
children from their parents and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers,
and friends; and
WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco values all members of our
community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of
all residents, including refugees and immigrants; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California
Assembly Bill No. 937, “The VISION Act,” and urges the California State Legislature to pass
this bill in order to keep our immigrant and refugee communities safe by preventing state or
local agencies from arresting or facilitating assisting with the arrest, confinement, detention,
transfer, interrogation, or deportation of an individual for an immigration enforcement purpose;
and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the

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Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Governor Gavin Newsom, and the Bill’s primary sponsor, Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo.
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April 27, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210434  I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/27/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo  Date
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned  5/7/2021

London N. Breed  Date Approved
Mayor

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.

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Angela Calvillo  Date
Clerk of the Board