[Urging the United States Congress to Pass Legislation Providing and Expanding Family Support Visas]

Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass legislation providing and expanding family support visas to undocumented or Temporary Protected Status recipient parents of United States citizen children or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals eligible children, to allow them and their children to stay and work in the United States with a path to citizenship.

WHEREAS, Current United States immigration policies cause thousands of family separations each year, through the detention or deportation of parents; and

WHEREAS, The separation of children from their parents is a violation of human rights and should not be experienced by any child; and

WHEREAS, A parental separation has significant long-term effects on a child’s psychological, educational, health, and economic quality-of-life; and

WHEREAS, The alternative to separation is the de facto deportation of U.S. citizen children from their communities to their parents’ countries of origin, where they must struggle to begin anew, jeopardizing their rights as U.S. citizens and their universal rights as children; and

WHEREAS, The five million U.S. citizen children and two million children brought to this nation as infants, and raised here among U.S. citizens, should not be deprived of the right to family and parental guidance and support upon unnecessary separation; and

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration issued an executive memorandum on June 15, 2012, which provided the deferral of deportation and the provision of work authorization for undocumented individuals brought to this country as minors and further established the
practice of using prosecutorial discretion to defer deportations until the Congress could arrive
at a permanent solution; and

WHEREAS, In spite of the continuing threat of injustice to children, the current
administration rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) memorandum on
September 5, 2017, without Congress having established any alternative; and

WHEREAS, These provisions represented a just and much needed temporary relief
and should be maintained by act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Parents with U.S. citizen children who were given protected status
through prosecutorial discretion and who reported regularly to Immigration and Customs
Enforcement (ICE) as they were required were among the first to be deported under this
administration; and

WHEREAS, Over the past year, there has been a 250% increase in deportations of
those with no criminal records, most of whom have families and children, with the likelihood
that these numbers will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, At least 325,000 Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, Hondurans, and Haitians
have lived in this country for many years and have established families with 273,000 U.S.
born citizen children, as well as other children brought here at an early age who have known
no other country, now face the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and are
being deported; and

WHEREAS, Millions of hardworking undocumented people who contribute a great deal
to this country are living in fear of deportation; and

WHEREAS, The children of those undocumented individuals are being forced every
day to live with the threat of family separation or deportation of their parents; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has repeatedly affirmed its
dedication to protecting immigrant communities by condemning the actions targeting
WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of San Francisco’s Sanctuary City Ordinance, and the City and County of San Francisco is committed to upholding and defending the human and civil rights of all immigrant individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, The passage of a clean DACA bill by Congress will prevent future separation of families and provide a pathway to citizenship for the parents of U.S. citizen children or DACA eligible children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to pass such legislation to grant Family Support Visas to undocumented parents or grandparents of U.S. citizen children or DACA eligible children, and to TPS-recipient parents with U.S. citizen children or DACA-eligible children; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such Family Support Visas be renewable every three years on proof of the continued verification of the original conditions of issue; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such Visas create a pathway to citizenship for DACA and TPS recipients as well as reunite families at the border and release them from detention; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass such legislation with expediency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify members of Congress from San Francisco and the United States Senators from California with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.
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December 17, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee
Excused: 1 - Ronen

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/17/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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.

Angela Calvillo
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