Resolution in Support of Undocumented Immigrant Communities and Sustaining the Values of Our Sanctuary City Policies

Whereas, San Francisco has been historically known as a city of progress and acceptance throughout the nation and the world, often being a pioneer of social justice based policies; and

Whereas, in 1989 the City and County of San Francisco passed the *City and County of Refuge Ordinance*, (also known as *The Sanctuary Ordinance*) to promote public trust and cooperation; to help keep our communities safe by making sure that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel comfortable calling the Police and Fire Departments during emergencies and cooperating with City agencies during public safety situations; and to help keep our communities healthy by making sure that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel comfortable accessing City public health services and benefit programs; and

Whereas, all City and County agencies are bound to the policies put into place by *The Sanctuary Ordinance*, which prohibits City Departments and employees from using City resources or funds to cooperate with Federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (also known as I.C.E.) officials, including the disclosure of personal information of San Francisco residents, asking information on immigration status, or limiting any services or benefits based on immigration status; and

Whereas, there are an estimated 240,000 undocumented immigrants, from currently living in the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward region; and

Whereas, the Trump Administration has made it a priority to aggressively target, vilify, and further marginalize undocumented immigrant communities and their families; and

Whereas, in October 2017, as a direct response to the Trump Administration's actions, the State of California enacted *The California Values Act*, through the passage of Senate Bill 54 in the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., thereby declaring California an Official Sanctuary State; and

Whereas, *The California Values Ac*t creates provisions for public schools, hospitals, courthouses, and public libraries to be determined as "Safe Spaces"; but does not include recreation, park, and open space facilities; and

Whereas, in February of 2017, prior to the passage of *The California Values Act*, The San Francisco Public Library took steps to declare itself a safe and welcoming place through the posting of signage and providing of legal resource materials, which has proven to be a successful effort; and

Whereas, while The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) is therefore unable to intervene on behalf of undocumented immigrant patrons, in the event of an I.C.E. detainer request, SFRPD remains committed to being a safe and welcoming space for ***all*** San Francisco residents and visitors;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the San Francisco Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC), advises SFRPD to further that commitment by ardently recognizing the needs and concerns of immigrant communities and their families; and

Be it further resolved, that PROSAC advises SFRPD to follow the example of our public library system, by providing posters declaring that immigrants and refugees are welcome at all SFRPD facilities, as well providing informational resource materials, such as the Immigrant legal Resource Center's "Red Cards", to be made freely available throughout our facilities, and at community events, wherever possible; and are compliant with the San Francisco Language Access Ordinance; and

Finally, be it further resolved, that PROSAC advises SFRPD to regularly work with organizations which are committed to serving undocumented immigrant communities and their families, as well as the San Francisco Immigrants Rights Commission, to seek their guidance to make this effort successful.

Submitted by Members Aragon (District 1), Gee (District 6), and Currier (District 11) for approval of full PROSAC Membership, on May 1, 2018.