

Fw: Item C-2 Jan. 15 Rules Committee: Support for Immigrant Protection Memo

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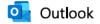
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Sincerely

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San José California , California 95125



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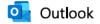
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San Jose, California 95124



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From: Emma Hartung Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 2:38 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Item C-2 Jan. 15 Rules Committee: Support for Immigrant Protection Memo

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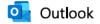
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Morgan Hill, California 95037



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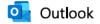
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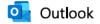
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Sincerely

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From: Janine Briones Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 10:25 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Item C-2 Jan. 15 Rules Committee: Support for Immigrant Protection Memo

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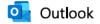
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From: Rosalia Mendez Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 6:33 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Item C-2 Jan. 15 Rules Committee: Support for Immigrant Protection Memo

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Sincerely Rosalia Mendez Rosalia Mendez

San Jose, California 95112



FW: Agenda Item 2.9, Commitment to Safety and Dignity of All Residents

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Date Fri 1/31/2025 7:34 AM To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Teresa Ponikvar Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 9:43 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Agenda Item 2.9, Commitment to Safety and Dignity of All Residents

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I live in the unincorporated Burbank neighborhood of San José, and my son attends public school in District 6. I am writing to express my strong support for the resolution proposed by Councilmembers Oriz, Campos, Cohen and Candelas, which outlines critical actions to protect immigrant residents of San Jose from mass deportation policies of the new presidential administration.

As a school-based mental health therapist, I am painfully aware of the fear, anxiety, depression, and insecurity that are already impacting children and families as a result of increased ICE activity and anti-immigrant rhetoric since January 20th. Please adopt this resolution reaffirming San José's commitment to the well-being, security and dignity of all residents.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely, Teresa Ponikvar



FW: Letter to City Council re Item 2.9, Resolution Preserving Safety and Dignity of all its Residents

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Coalition Letter to CSJ Council re Immigrant Protection 2025.02.03 (2).pdf;

From: Gianella Ordonez

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 5:34 PM

To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Please find attached a letter from a coalition of community-serving organizations regarding **Item 2.9, Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents (Consent).** We look forward to your discussion on this item.

Best regards, Gianella Ordoñez | Policy + Advocacy Associate Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

Web: svcn.org | Twitter: @SVCN

Pronouns: she/her/hers

February 3, 2025

Mayor & City Council City of San José 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor San José, CA 95113 Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 2.9, Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents (Consent)

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council:

We write to support the "Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status." The current federal administration has been transparent in its intent to bolster harmful immigration enforcement efforts, including a mass deportation program. As these threats began to actualize in our community, we urge the Council to take robust action to protect San José's immigrant populations. Simply put, these policies would harm all of us by tearing apart immigrant families, communities, and the fabric of our diverse, beautiful, and thriving city.

We also ask considering of additional actions that Council could direct staff to undertake in response to what is sure to be a slow-moving disaster:

1/ Create a cross-sector Post-election Task Force, not unlike Silicon Valley Strong's Silicon Valley Recovery Roundtable and community-based Recovery Task Force, to address not only response to attacks on immigrant families, but to also anticipate and strategize responses to other federal actions such as funding cuts and policy changes. Work with cities, counties, business leaders, philanthropy, nonprofits, and grassroots leaders to co-create the Task Force. We recommend staffing the Task Force with additional budget resources for paid staff and consultant facilitators/researchers.

2/ Create a visible and easy-to-navigate webpage (in multiple languages) for immigrant families to find resources. Work with community-based agencies and

the Rapid Response Network to create the page and ensure its accuracy and accessibility.

3/ Evaluate the City's ordinance and implementation policies relating to ICE non-cooperation to ensure that any exceptions to the policy of non-cooperation are as narrow as possible. Bring the evaluation back to Rules for next steps. The points made by <u>Silicon Valley De-Bug</u> are well taken.

4/ Ensure that the City invests in immigrant legal services and expansion for the Rapid Response Network through the budget process. We understand that an MBA will be provided to inform Council of funding options.

We express our appreciation again to Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas for their memorandum that led to this proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

Maritza Maldonado	Lori Ramos Chavez
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Asian Americans for Community	Community Solutions
Involvement	Wesley Saver
Richard Konda	HealthRIGHT 360
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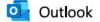
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FW: Item 2.9 Feb. 04 City Council meeting: Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of all it's Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status.

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From: Hector Hernandez ·

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:50 AM

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As a resident of San Jose, I am writing to express my strong support for the resolution proposed by councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas to reaffirm the city's Commitment to protecting all it's residents regardless of national origin or legal status from the current presidential administration.

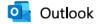
San Jose has always been a city that values, promotes, and benefits from its diversity and immigrant community and has shown that by standing with them. The threat posed by mass deportation policies and heightened immigration enforcement risk tearing families apart, spreading fear, and undermining public safety.

The steps outlined in this resolution - strengthen the Rapid Response Network, providing legal and support services, and reaffirming our sanctuary city policies - are vital to preserving the trust, safety, and dignity of all San Jose residents. By passing this resolution, the city council can send a clear message that San Jose will remain a place where all communities are valued and protected.

I urge you to pass this resolution to safeguard our city's future and demonstrate that its immigrant community's are essential!

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring that San Jose remains a welcoming and inclusive city for everyone.

Sincerely, Hector Hernandez



FW: Agenda Item 2.9 (25-081) of City Council Council Meeting 2/4/2025

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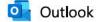
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Dear Mayor Mahan and members of the Council,

Immigrants living in San Jose are our neighbors. If our children are hurt or in danger, they will try to help them. We need to do all we can to protect our neighbors.

Forrest Nixon



FW: Item C-2 Jan. 15 Rules Committee: Support for Immigrant Protection Memo

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Date Tue 2/4/2025 8:00 AM To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Clerk San Jose Councilmember,

Dear Rules Committee Members,

As a resident of San José, I am writing to express my strong support for the memo proposed by Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas, which outlines critical actions to protect our city's residents from the harmful policies of the incoming presidential administration.

San José has always been a city that values its diversity and stands with its immigrant communities, who are essential to our city. The threats posed by mass deportation policies and heightened immigration enforcement risk tearing families apart, spreading fear, and undermining public safety.

The steps outlined in this memo – strengthening the Rapid Response Network, providing legal and support services, and reaffirming our sanctuary city policies – are vital to preserving the trust, safety, and dignity of all San José residents. By passing this memo, the City Council can send a clear message that San José will remain a place where all communities are valued and protected.

I urge you to pass this memo to safeguard our city's future.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring that San José remains a welcoming and inclusive city for everyone.

Sincerely {FirstName} Cecilio Villafana

SanJose, California 95116



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Greetings!

I am writing to express my strong support for the motion to protect the rights and safety of immigrant communities in San José.

Please find attached a letter detailing my support for this important motion.

Paz~

Jonathan

Jonathan D. Gomez, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Chicanx Studies Faculty-in-Residence, HSI Initiatives, Office of the Provost San José State University



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San José City Council City of San José 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

Re: Council Agenda: 2/4/2025; File: 25-081; Item: 2.9

Dear Members of the San José City Council,

I write to express my strongest support for the proposed motion to reaffirm San José's commitment to protecting the rights, safety, and dignity of its immigrant communities, especially in light of the ongoing threats posed by the current federal administration. As a professor at San José State University, working closely with educators, cultural workers, students, and families in the community, I witness firsthand the critical role that immigrant communities play in our city's cultural, social, and economic vitality.

San José's diverse immigrant populations are not only essential to our workforce, but they are also deeply embedded in the cultural life of the city. Immigrants contribute to the arts and education, own and operate businesses, and enrich our collective wellbeing. As such, it is vital that our city continues to stand as a sanctuary for these communities, ensuring their safety, dignity, and access to services and programs.

As stated in the memorandum, the fear generated by the current presidential administration's immigration policies, including mass deportations, poses an existential threat to our neighbors and community members. As the motion rightly outlines, such policies can lead to decreased engagement in civic life, withdrawal from schools, and avoidance of necessary healthcare services, all of which have detrimental effects on our collective well-being. In times like these, it is critical that the City of San José reaffirm its commitment to ensuring social and cultural rights of immigrant communities.

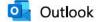
I fully support the proposed actions outlined in the motion, particularly the expansion of the Rapid Response Network and the recommendation to provide additional funding for legal assistance and services to those most in need. These efforts will help mitigate the fear that is currently frightening the hearts and minds of our community members and will ensure that we stand together as a city where ALL residents are able to thrive.

As a civically engaged community member and educator, I stand in solidarity with the City's efforts to protect and uplift immigrant communities. I encourage the City Council to adopt this resolution and to continue advocating for policies that promote justice, equity, and safety for all of San José's residents, regardless of national origin or legal status.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and for your continued leadership in making San José a place where all people are treated with respect and dignity.

Sincerely, Jonathan D. Gomez, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies San José State University



FW: Council Agenda Item Number: 2.9

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Attached is my public comment for Agenda Item Number 2.9.

Best,

Alberto Camacho

English 1 and 2 ELD Department Chair

San José City Council City of San José 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 Re: Council Agenda: 2/4/2025; File: 25-081; Item: 2.9

Dear Members of the San José City Council,

My name is Alberto Camacho and I am a proud child of immigrants and East Side resident. I've lived nearly my entire life on McKee and White, surrounded and nurtured by neighbors from all over the world —amazing people who have informed the man I am today. My parents arrived here at different points of their lives, with both seeking *el sueño Americano*. While in search of that dream, they navigated throughout an entirely foreign system, often afraid and anxious, but deep down they knew their community would support them and so would the people in power whose families also came in search of a dream.

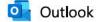
I write to you all urging to pass the motion that supports our immigrant communities here in San José, a city that's known for its tenderness, empathy, and strong sense of community. As an educator within the East Side of San José, I make sure to replicate those traits that San José has shown my parents and community. My students, their families, my family, and me hope that you vote to protect those who so often speak, but are often left unheard.

Throughout these couple of weeks, I have had students share with me their fear, their anger, and desperation as they go day by day living with an uncertainty that impacts their day to day. Fortunately, the Rapid Response Network is available to support them with legal assistance and some sort of stability. I know for a fact that without the support of the Rapid Response Network, many the families I serve would fall through the cracks. I want to reiterate my hope that you vote in favor of the motion that seeks to support *nuestra gente*.

On behalf of my parents, the community I serve, and myself, I thank you for your time and careful consideration to protect our families from vengeful acts rooted in hate and racism.

Best,

Alberto Camacho



FW: Item 2.9, File #25-081 - SUPPORT

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On behalf of HealthRIGHT 360, please find the attached letter expressing our support for Item 2.9, File #25-081.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wes

Wesley Saver | Director of Policy & Public Affairs Policy & Public Affairs Department (he/him/his pronouns)



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February 3, 2025

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San José, CA 95113 mayor@sanjoseca.gov



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The Honorable Matt Mahan

Submitted via electronic mail

Re: Item 2.9, File #25-081 - Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of all its Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status – SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

On behalf of HealthRIGHT 360, I write in strong support of the Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status. The current federal administration has signaled its intent to ramp up harmful immigration enforcement policies, including a mass deportation program that poses an existential threat to many San José residents. This resolution is a critical step in ensuring that our immigrant communities remain protected and supported in these uncertain times.

HealthRIGHT 360 is a nonprofit provider of substance use disorder treatment, mental health services, and primary care to over 45,000 Californians annually. We provide compassionate, non-judgmental, and evidence-based care, regardless of one's ability to pay, guided by our belief that healthcare is a right, not a privilege.

From a public health perspective, San José must uphold and expand existing policies that allow immigrant Californians to participate in our communities and access care and support without fear of discrimination or traumatic detention or deportation. A study conducted with over 100 immigrant substance users in San Francisco found that a significant percentage of participants did not access substance use disorder treatment services due to fears of being arrested by police or immigration authorities.¹ Failing to protect our immigrant neighbors will exacerbate health inequities among communities that already face barriers to accessing medical support. Studies have shown that policing and fear of deportation deter undocumented immigrant communities from seeking health services.² Given these public health risks, the City must take proactive steps to protect immigrant residents. We must urgently invest in comprehensive, evidence-based public health approaches and reject xenophobia.

San José has long been a leader in standing up for immigrant rights. As new threats emerge, we urge the Council to go further by taking decisive and proactive measures to protect vulnerable residents. In the face of escalating federal policies that endanger immigrant communities, it is imperative that San José

https://www.sfaf.org/collections/status/groundbreaking-new-report-highlights-overdose-prevention-needs-of-latin o-x-communities-in-san-francisco/

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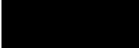
¹ "Groundbreaking new report highlights overdose prevention needs of Latino/x communities in San Francisco." San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Nov 28, 2022.

² Friedman AD, Venkataramani, AS. "Chilling Effects: US Immigration Enforcement And Health Care Seeking Among Hispanic Adults." Health Affairs. 2021 Jul, Vol. 40, No. 7.

moves swiftly to reaffirm its allyship and implement tangible protections. This resolution must be the beginning of a broader, sustained effort to safeguard the rights and dignity of all residents.

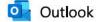
Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We urge you to approve this resolution and take the necessary steps to strengthen San José's role as a safe and welcoming city for all. For questions regarding our position, please contact me at <u>wsaver@healthright360.org</u>.

Sincerely,



Wesley Saver | Director of Policy & Public Affairs Policy & Public Affairs Department 986 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-2543

Cc: Office of the City Clerk via <u>city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov</u>



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Letter of support submission for Council Agenda Item Number: 2.9 on February 4, 2025.

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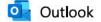
My name is Annie Abundiz, proud daughter of immigrants, who was born and raised in east side San Jose. As a first generation student, educator, and resident of district 5, I have seen the invaluable worth and contributions of our immigrant community first hand. In an *intercambio* of cultures from all over the world, this community has woven together a story of courage, empathy, cariño, perseverance, and hope that makes the heartbeat of San Jose. Testimonies of people like my parents show the valor it takes to entrust a place and people unfamiliar to oneself, seeking out a better life for their and future generations. Many like them arrive in this country with a selfless heart and gratitude to sought out opportunities. Today, the presidential administration has generated a state of fear and anxiety, threatening essential rights and protections for immigrants.

I urge you all to take a stance in protecting the civic and cultural rights of immigrant communities by passing the motion in item 2.9. Our collective well being is dependent on the safety, inclusion, and upliftment of immigrant communities in all places of learning, work, and leisure. As a former elementary educator, I have witnessed the sacrifices alongside the joys of families constructing a world better than our present for future generations. These parents and caregivers give meaning to the concept: *"Planting seeds for trees we may never get to witness"*. Moving with empathy, tenacity, and a selfless heart, immigrant communities have been the keepers of San Jose's freedom dreams for many generations. *Nuestro barrio es vibrante por el color, la música y cultura de estos artistas* - artists who use what tools they have to multiply the life around them.

By expanding the Rapid Response Network alongside legal assistance and services, eastside San Jose does right by our indebtment to immeasurable contributions from immigrant communities. San Jose is to be more than a sanctuary – a place where my neighbors, students, and comrades are not halted to fear – where we take care of one another's holistic wellbeing beyond survival.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and for your continued leadership in making San José a place where all people are treated with respect and dignity.

Sincerely, Annie Abundiz



FW: Support for the Memo on Immigrant Protections Item 2.9

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From: Darcie Green < Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 5:59 AM To: The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov> Cc: Laisha Martinez-Reyes Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: Support for the Memo on Immigrant Protections Item 2.9

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Dear Mayor Mahan and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge your support for the memo from Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas, which calls for expanded legal aid, enhanced safety measures, and clear affirmations of support for immigrant protections in San José.

For over 20 years, Latinas Contra Cancer has served immigrant patients and families in San Jose who face daily barriers to accessing care. When families don't feel safe, they don't seek care. This memo is a necessary step toward ensuring that all residents of San José—regardless of immigration status— can live without fear and access the resources they need.

Please see my attached letter for further details. I appreciate your leadership and hope to see continued action to protect our communities.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Best, Darcie Green





February 3, 2025

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the San José City Council,

My name is Darcie Green, and I write to you as the Executive Director of Latinas Contra Cancer, an organization that has served immigrant patients and families in San José for over 20 years. Our work is dedicated to ensuring that everyone—regardless of immigration status—has access to the care, resources, and support they need to live healthy lives.

Every day, we see the fear and barriers that keep families from accessing care. Many of our patients delay or avoid seeking medical attention—not because they don't need it, but because they fear deportation, discrimination, or the financial burden of accessing services. When families don't feel safe, they don't seek care. When legal protections are uncertain, their well-being suffers.

That's why this memo is so critical. Expanding legal aid, strengthening safety measures, and affirming San José's commitment to immigrant protections are not just policy choices—they are life-saving actions. A city that protects its immigrant communities is a city that ensures all its residents can live, work, and contribute without fear.

San José has long been a city of opportunity and inclusion. This is an opportunity to lead with courage and compassion and make it clear that our city stands with all of its residents. I urge you to support this memo and take bold action to protect our neighbors, our families, and the health of our entire community.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring San José remains a city where everyone—regardless of where they were born—can feel safe, supported, and valued.

Sincerely,

Darcie Green Executive Director, Latinas Contra Cancer

Resident, City of San Jose



FW: Letter to City Council re Item 2.9, Resolution Preserving Safety and Dignity of all its Residents

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Please see the updated letter signed by a coalition of **30** community-serving organizations regarding **Item 2.9**, **Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents (Consent).** We look forward to your discussion on this item.

Best regards, Gianella Ordoñez | Policy + Advocacy Associate Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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Subject: Letter to City Council re Item 2.9, Resolution Preserving Safety and Dignity of all its Residents

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Councilmembers

Please find attached a letter from a coalition of community-serving organizations regarding **Item 2.9, Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents (Consent).** We look forward to your discussion on this item.

Best regards,

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February 4, 2025

Mayor & City Council City of San José 200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor San José, CA 95113 Sent via electronic mail

Re: Item 2.9, Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents (Consent)

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council:

We write to support the "Resolution Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Preserving the Safety and Dignity of All Its Residents, Regardless of National Origin or Legal Status." The current federal administration has been transparent in its intent to bolster harmful immigration enforcement efforts, including a mass deportation program. As these threats began to actualize in our community, we urge the Council to take robust action to protect San José's immigrant populations. Simply put, these policies would harm all of us by tearing apart immigrant families, communities, and the fabric of our diverse, beautiful, and thriving city.

We also ask considering of additional actions that Council could direct staff to undertake in response to what is sure to be a slow-moving disaster:

1/ Create a cross-sector Post-election Task Force, not unlike Silicon Valley Strong's Silicon Valley Recovery Roundtable and community-based Recovery Task Force, to address not only response to attacks on immigrant families, but to also anticipate and strategize responses to other federal actions such as funding cuts and policy changes. Work with cities, counties, business leaders, philanthropy, nonprofits, and grassroots leaders to co-create the Task Force. We recommend staffing the Task Force with additional budget resources for paid staff and consultant facilitators/researchers.

2/ Create a visible and easy-to-navigate webpage (in multiple languages) for immigrant families to find resources. Work with community-based agencies and the Rapid Response Network to create the page and ensure its accuracy and accessibility.

3/ Evaluate the City's ordinance and implementation policies relating to ICE non-cooperation to ensure that any exceptions to the policy of non-cooperation are as narrow as possible. Bring the evaluation back to Rules for next steps. The points made by <u>Silicon Valley De-Bug</u> are well taken.

4/ Ensure that the City invests in immigrant legal services and expansion for the Rapid Response Network through the budget process. We understand that an MBA will be provided to inform Council of funding options.

We express our appreciation again to Councilmembers Ortiz, Campos, Cohen, and Candelas for their memorandum that led to this proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,

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