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RE: Item G.3: Response to Federal Administration Actions on Immigration

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Rules Committee Members,

For over a year, countless immigrant families have been subject to abuse by the Trump administration and his officials. It is clear that the intention of the abuse is to dehumanize the immigrant community as a way of justifying the cruel and unethical immigration policies that are being implemented. From separating babies from their mothers to locking children up in cages, I am outraged by the lack of moral integrity of this administration. In the spirit of fighting for what is right, I urge you to support Councilmember Raul Peralez's memorandum in denouncing the U.S. Department of Justice's Zero Tolerance Policy, in addition to his ask regarding the proposed new regulations for the Flores Settlement Agreement.

As a nation that was founded by immigrants we have a moral obligation to protect those who seek refuge. Yet, day by day, new reports are exposing the horrific conditions of U.S. detention centers. Immigrant families are experiencing severe physical and psychological trauma as they are separated at the U.S. border. Not only is this practice un-American, but it is inhumane. As a California Legislator, I have been proud of the steps we have taken as a State to fight back on the federal administration's revolting actions and know that the City of San José has been right by our side denouncing these actions that tear not just our families but entire communities apart. I urge you to continue fighting alongside our community and the State of California as we condemn the Zero Tolerance Policy and begin to mend our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ash Kalra'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of 'Ash' and 'Kalra' being capitalized and prominent.

Ash Kalra
State Assemblymember, 27th District
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