

1 [PROMOTING ACCESS TO PATHWAYS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME
2 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND SENIORS]

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4 **Resolution urging the City & County of San Francisco to address housing needs of**
5 **low-income immigrant families and seniors**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is facing a housing affordability crisis where low-income
8 families are struggling to make ends meet due to the cost of housing; and

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10 WHEREAS, San Francisco's immigrant population makes up more than a third of the
11 city's population and is essential to the local economy; and

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13 WHEREAS, Immigrant families and seniors making less than 80% of the Area Median
14 Income (AMI) continue to remain the most impacted by the lack of affordability and are facing
15 high levels of displacement; and

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17 WHEREAS, The threshold is significantly high for Below Market Rate (BMR) units
18 rental and homeownership, and low-income immigrant families often do not meet the income
19 requirement to qualify for listings available on the DAHLIA San Francisco Housing Portal; and

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21 WHEREAS, Housing affordability policies and programs are imperative to keep
22 families in their homes; and

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24 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Rights Commission held a special hearing on immigrant
25 housing needs in September 2022, in which presenters highlighted issues related to

1 overcrowding, quality of life issues, and concerns with the threat of displacement; and

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3 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Rights Commission has written a report on Immigrant
4 Community Perspectives on Access to Housing for Low-Income Residents in San Francisco
5 that recommends that the City and County address the housing needs of low-income
6 immigrants and seniors by making City programs more accessible, including by expanding
7 language access and community outreach; and

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9 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Community Perspectives on Access to Housing for Low-
10 Income Residents Report recommends that the City and County of San Francisco allocate
11 tenant protection resources, increase efforts to preserve the current stock of affordable
12 housing, and invest in the expansion of housing for marginalized communities; and

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14 WHEREAS, The systems in place to address housing affordability must be inclusive of
15 the needs of the immigrant community such as a reassessment of their living conditions and
16 improvements that are responsive to their needs; now therefore be it

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18 RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission emphasizes the housing access
19 needs of the immigrant community; and be it

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21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Immigrant Rights Commission shall transmit a copy
22 of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors, and Mayor.

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