[Reaffirming Non-Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance]

Resolution reaffirming San Francisco's commitment to upholding the City's Non-Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance, preventing the use of City resources to assist in any way with a government registry or database based on religion, national origin, or ethnicity, and preventing the City from disclosing personal information regarding any individual that could be used to create such a registry or database.

WHEREAS, The United States has long cherished the principle of religious freedom, as enshrined in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" similarly, Article VI of the Constitution prohibits a religious test for federal officeholders; and

WHEREAS, California's Constitution upholds these principles, guaranteeing free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination, while prohibiting any law respecting the establishment of religion; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco shares this commitment to religious freedom and diversity, reflected in local laws including the City's official policy to eliminate discrimination based on religion (Police Code, Section 3301); and

WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 all affirm the fundamental rights to practice religion freely without discrimination or government interference; and

WHEREAS, Any proposal to create a government registry based on religion, national origin, or ethnicity would be contrary to these core principles of freedom, equality, and human dignity, would foster prejudice, discrimination, and potentially violence against religious and

ethnic minorities, and would pose a grave risk to the relationship between the government and the people, undermining trust and cooperation, especially among vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco made it clear by enacting Chapter 103 of the Administrative Code – the Non-Cooperation with Identity-Based Registry Ordinance – that it will not support, assist, or cooperate with any governmental program designed to create, implement, or enforce a religious or ethnic registry or database; and

WHEREAS, If the federal government attempts to create databases or registries to target individuals based on religion, ethnicity, or national origin, the City will continue to uphold its responsibility to protect its residents from these discriminatory practices by complying with the requirements of Chapter 103 that limit disclosure of personal information for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recommends the City re-evaluate its relationship holistically with the FBI's Federal Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF) due to the recent change in federal administration, and while the City does not currently participate in JTTF, the City should take a renewed look at JTTF's potential impacts on residents' civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, The City affirms its commitment to upholding the civil rights of its residents and to equality, fairness, and respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, If federal authorities attempt to implement registries based on religion, ethnicity, or national origin, San Francisco will continue to stand united with its residents, in opposition to efforts to target, harass, or subject individuals to prejudice based on their religious affiliation, ethnicity, or national origin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco reaffirms its commitment to religious freedom, tolerance, and diversity, and rejects any proposal to create or support any government registry or database based on religious affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco will continue to oppose efforts by the federal government or other entities to infringe on the religious and civil rights of City residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City's officers, employees, departments, and agencies will continue to adhere to Chapter 103 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and ensure the protection of personal information against misuse or disclosure that could aid in the creation of such discriminatory registries or databases; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas, and California Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, as a demonstration of the Board's solidarity with state efforts to uphold the California Religious Freedom Act.



## City and County of San Francisco Tails

## Resolution

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File Number: 250403 Date Passed: April 22, 2025

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April 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250403

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/22/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Daniel Lurie Date Approved
Mayor

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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date
Clerk of the Board