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1	[SUPPORTING A CLEAN DREAM ACT]
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3	Resolution supporting the passage of S. 1615 (DREAM Act of 2017) without
4	concessions.
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6	WHEREAS, Congress has failed to fix our broken immigration system and put people
7	above politics, forcing millions to continue living in fear and uncertainty; and
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9	WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, President Obama announced the creation of the
10	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by Executive Order in response to
11	congressional inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform; and
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13	WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 individuals under DACA were granted temporary reprieve
14	from deportation in order to exercise their right to learn, work, and be safe with certainty of the
15	law; and
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17	WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Trump announced the rescission of the
18	DACA program, to be phased out over two and a half years, leaving the fate of DACA
19	recipients and undocumented youth up to Congress during a six-month window; and
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21	WHEREAS, there are currently nearly 800,000 bright young people who have
22	contributed enormously to the wellbeing and strength of the United States of America, and
23	who are waiting for action to be taken; and
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1	WHEREAS, on September 11, 2017, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
2	held a special hearing for testimonies by invited experts, affected individuals, and community
3	members on the impacts of the DACA rescission on immigrant communities; and
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5	WHEREAS, the community advocated for passage of S. 1615 (DREAM Act of 2017), a
6	current bill introduced in the Senate with bipartisan support, as a start for much needed
7	comprehensive immigration reform, and called for this bill to not include any concessions
8	such as tougher border security or increased funding for Immigration and Customs
9	Enforcement (ICE); and
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11	WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
12	Executive Committee representatives attended a press conference with Members of
13	Congress about the urgent need to pass the DREAM Act of 2017; and
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15	WHEREAS, DACA recipients and undocumented youth exercised their First
16	Amendment right to gather and protest, advocating for the passage of a clean DREAM Act
17	and demanding not to be used as a bargaining chip in order to satisfy the President's desire
18	of a potential border wall, increased border security, and increased funding for ICE; and
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20	WHEREAS, DACA recipients and undocumented youth expressed their resentment at
21	an attempted back-door deal with the President that could hurt their families and tear loved
22	ones apart; and
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24	WHEREAS, the DREAM Act must be the beginning of a more comprehensive
25	immigration reform package that is needed now to grant pathways to citizenship for all

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1	people; and any concessions now on the DREAM Act leave no hope for comprehensive
2	immigration reform; now therefore be it
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4	RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission calls for
5	the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to use their positions of influence to urge Members
6	of Congress and legislators throughout the State of California to fight for a clean DREAM Act
7	and to not concede on allowing status for some at the expense of others; and be it
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9	FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission urges
10	the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to use their positions of influence to call on Members
11	of Congress to begin prioritizing a comprehensive immigration reform package, with pathways
12	to citizenship for all people.
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION

Resolution No. 17-00001

Date Passed: November 13, 2017

[Clean Dream Act]

Resolution supporting the passage of S. 1615 (DREAM Act of 2017) without concessions.

November 13, 2017 San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Ayes: 8- Fujii, Kennelly, Khojasteh, Kong, Paz, Radwan, Rahimi, Ricarte

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I hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Executive Director of the Immigrant Rights Commission and that the attached resolution was adopted and approved by the Immigrant Rights Commission of the City and County of San Francisco at a properly noticed Commission meeting on November 13, 2017.

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Adrienne Pon **Executive Director** Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs

Date: November 15, 2017

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