



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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### **KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG AND TOGETHER**

The Department of Homeland Security announced this weekend that it would soon publish proposed rules to expand the kinds of public benefits that are considered when determining who can enter the U.S. or apply for a Green Card. These draft proposed changes have not yet been published in the Federal Register, and when they are published, it will likely take months for them to go into effect.

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission believes our city and nation are stronger when families have opportunities to stay together, thrive and contribute. Low-income immigrant families should not have to choose between keeping their families together and receiving basic needs services for which they are legally eligible.

Immigrants make crucial contributions to our local economies and cultural life. They are no more likely to utilize benefits programs than their U.S. citizen counterparts. We encourage policymakers and Congress to adopt humane and sensible solutions to immigration reform and stop punishing hardworking immigrant families.