
SSF Youth Commission Call to Action Amid Current Political Crisis

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Dear Mayor Flores, Vice Mayor Addiego, and Councilmembers Coleman, Nagales, and Nicolas,

We, the South San Francisco Youth Commission, are writing to you today to discuss the current political discourse in the United States. As members of the Commission, we are dedicated to promoting equity, justice, and inclusion through youth participation in governance, and in light of the Trump Administration's recent actions, we feel compelled to use our positions to raise our voices.

We have found the unconstitutional behavior that the current administration has endorsed to be deeply concerning, and while we are sure that you, the City Council, are well aware of these actions, we still felt it necessary to ask you to re-examine and address the current events in their entirety. Countless violations of the first and fifth amendment as retaliation against legal dissent, attempts to end birthright citizenship, threats against specific minorities, and attacks on civil rights protections have been particularly alarming, and while these practices may be federal in scope, their effects reverberate locally.

As both Youth Commissioners and residents of South San Francisco, we view these actions not just from a political standpoint, but also from that of morally obligated citizens. While there are some of us who are privileged in ways that may delay the specific and personal ramifications from such policies, we are all inevitably connected by the fact that we are a community; if it affects some of us, it affects all of us.

The responsibility of the city government is to uphold the rights, dignity, and well-being of its residents. When democracy, the core of American politics, is endangered, it becomes the city's responsibility to lead in its defense. As such, we believe that it is the duty of the City Council to publicly reaffirm its commitment to upholding constitutional rights and values. We respectfully urge the City Council to issue

a formal statement in the form of proclamations, resolutions, or ordinances, and to endorse local peaceful activism. Lastly, a sign-on letter for elected officials regarding the aforementioned has been created and has already been signed by Mayor Flores and Councilmember Coleman. We encourage the remaining council to do the same on the letter linked below.

As the Youth Commission, as residents of South San Francisco, and as citizens of the United States, we will continue to seek accountability, transparency, and activism from our city and beyond. Thank you for your continued efforts, time, and consideration.

Sign on letter:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpWZ0fyvllfT6T1SFON7Ghd9CtxUPT7CPIJYB0IxiVjpKsNg/viewform>

Sincerely,

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