

August 4, 2025

South San Francisco City Council
400 Grand Ave
South San Francisco, CA 94080

RE: SSF Youth Commission Call to Action Amid Current Political Crisis

Hello Mayor Flores, Vice Mayor Addiego, Councilmembers Coleman, Flores and Nagales,

As members of the South San Francisco Youth Commission, we are dedicated to promoting equity, justice, and inclusion through youth participation in governance. In light of recent events regarding the Trump Administration, we feel compelled to use our positions to raise our voices.

We are deeply concerned by the unconstitutional behavior that the current administration has endorsed. We are sure that the City Council is well aware of these actions, but the 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 protection should be particularly alarming. While these practices may be federal in scope, their effects reverberate locally.

As commissioners, but more importantly, as residents of South San Francisco, we view these moments not just politically, but morally. There are some of us who are privileged in ways that may delay the individual ramifications from such policies; however, we are all inevitably bound by the mutualism that ties us to a single thread of destiny. These policies have begun to, and will continue to fray the very fabric from which our community was woven from.

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. Thus, we believe that it is the duty of the City Council to publicly reaffirm its commitment to constitutional rights and humane values. We respectfully urge the City Council to issue a formal statement in the form of proclamations, resolutions, or ordinances, endorse local community activism, and utilize the very platforms that the community has provided as catalysts for change. Additionally, a sign on letter for elected officials has been created that has already been signed by Councilmember Coleman and Mayor Flores. We encourage the remaining council to do so as well. We will continue to seek accountability, transparency, and activism from our city institutions. Thank you.

Sign on letter:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpWZ0fyvIfT6T1SFON7Ghd9CtxUPT7CPIJYB0IxiVjpKsNg/viewform>

With respect,

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