

San Francisco Boycotts Arizona in protest of 1070

Resolution denouncing SB 1070, a law that seeks to implement Arizona's own scheme of immigration regulation and will inevitably lead to racial profiling of people of color and limited English proficient persons, calling for a boycott of the State of Arizona and Arizona-based businesses, and endorsing the City Attorney's offer to cooperate in a lawsuit challenging SB 1070.

WHEREAS, The Arizona legislature passed SB1070, which the Arizona Governor, Jan Brewer, signed into law on April 23, 2010, and with a stroke of a pen set the clock back on a generation of civil rights gains; and,

WHEREAS, SB 1070 requires the police "when practicable" to detain people they "reasonably suspect" are in the country without authorization; allows the police to charge immigrants with a state crime for not carrying immigration documents; creates a private right of action to sue cities upon belief that the government has a policy or practice that restricts immigration law enforcement; and makes it a crime to stop on a public street to attempt to hire a temporary worker; and.

WHEREAS, SB 1070 will inevitably lead to racial profiling, jeopardizes public safety, and creates a wedge between law enforcement and ethnic communities; and,

WHEREAS, The mayor of Phoenix, Arizona, Phil Gordon, stated that the Arizona legislature is a "far-right legislature that is increasingly out of step with an increasingly moderate population, they're also out of step with the rules of basic civility;" and,

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has stated that SB 1070 threatens "to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans, as well as the trust between police and their communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe"; and,

WHEREAS, The people targeted by SB 1070 are not strangers - our American lives are inextricably bound to theirs. SB 1070 will not only terrorize our nannies and our gardeners, but also our nurses and our home care workers. And it will not stop there. It will intimidate our college students, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and engineers. Everyone who looks Latino -- citizens, legal permanent residents, temporary visa holders, or undocumented -- will be a primary target under this law; and,

WHEREAS, Civil rights leaders, constitutional rights scholars, elected officials, and police chiefs across the country are repudiating SB 1070, including San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera and San Francisco Police Chief George

Gascon; and,

WHEREAS, With the passage of AB 1070, Arizona has once again chosen to isolate itself from the rest of the nation as it did two decades ago when it refused to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That unless and until Arizona rescinds SB 1070, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges City Departments (1) to the extent practicable, and in instances where there is no significant additional cost to the City nor conflict with law, to refrain from entering into any new or amended contracts to purchase goods or services from any company that is headquartered in Arizona, (2) to avoid sending City officials or employees to conferences in Arizona, and (3) to review existing contracts for the purchase of goods and services with companies headquartered in Arizona and explore opportunities to discontinue those contracts consistent with the terms of those contracts and principles of fiscal responsibility, and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless and until Arizona rescinds SB 1070 the Board of Supervisors encourages private San Francisco based businesses to refrain from doing business with the State of Arizona or holding or participating in any conventions or conferences in Arizona, and also urges San Francisco private citizens to avoid engaging in tourism in the State of Arizona; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages professional and collegiate sports organizations (such as the National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association (NBA), PGA Tour, and NCAA), to follow the lead of the National Football League when it moved Super Bowl XXVII from Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona, to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, after the State of Arizona refused to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and to refrain from holding any All-Star games, bowl games, championship games, tournaments or other events in the State of Arizona where such associations have discretion in deciding where those events will take place; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors endorses the City Attorney's offer to lend resources of his office to cooperate in a legal challenge to SB 1070; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Arizona Governor, Jan Brewer, the Commissioner of the NFL, Roger Goodell, the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, Allan H. Selig, the Commissioner of the NBA, David Stern, the Commissioner of the PGA, Tim Finchem, and the President of the NCAA, Myles Brand.