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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

**The San Francisco Human Rights Commission
Calls for Reunification of Families at the US
Southwest Border**

(San Francisco) The San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) denounces the inhumane separations of children from their families at the Southwest Border. As the department responsible with investigating discriminatory actions against immigrants and enforcing our Sanctuary City Ordinance, we are committed to supporting and protecting all immigrants. Accordingly, the HRC calls for the immediate reunification of all families who have suffered, as a result of this ongoing practice.

Susan Belinda Christian, Chair of the Human Rights Commission expressed the HRC's disapproval of the policy at the Southwest borders, "This policy is not only immoral, but it is in blatant disregard of the human rights and dignity which are the birthright of every human being. We will continue to oppose abusive and cruel policies, particularly those that create irreparable harm to so many young, vulnerable children."

To date, a total of 2,342 families have been separated at the border since the "zero tolerance" policy was implemented in April 2018. Many young children, toddlers and babies, were separated from their families, while fleeing their countries in search of asylum in the United States.

Executive Director Sheryl Evans Davis, stated, "We are grateful for the work of our local community partners who work every day to protect and uphold immigrants' rights and to uplift the contributions that immigrant families make to San Francisco."

The HRC encourages San Francisco residents to gather in solidarity with immigrant children and families. On Saturday June 23rd from 10-11:30am the "Families Belong Together" rally will take place at Embarcadero Plaza. In addition, on Saturday, June 30th from 10am-1pm, communities will be participating in the "Families Belong Together March," which will start at Mission Dolores Park and will proceed towards City Hall.

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