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**SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**STATEMENT ON 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

On November 8, 2016, we witnessed the end of one of the most divisive general elections in our country's history. Like many Americans, the Human Rights Commission is concerned about the discriminatory language and violence that have been occurring during the campaign and now post-election. Reports of increased hate rhetoric and acts, symbols and other expressions associated with the election results have been staggering.

We will not accept anything but the unequivocal rejection of bigotry as well as statements, insinuations and actions that are threatening so many of the communities that make San Francisco strong and vibrant- people of color, African Americans, immigrants and refugees, Mexican and Mexican American communities, Arab, Muslim, Middle Eastern and South Asian communities, LGBTQI communities, women, people with disabilities, Jewish Americans and journalists.

As the Human Rights Commission, we will use our legal jurisdiction to stand up and fight for and protect the lives, livelihood, human and civil rights of our citizens and the values of San Francisco.

As Mayor Ed Lee stated at yesterday's Unity Gathering at City Hall, "We stand united as one and we will help protect all of our immigrant families in this city." We will protect our Sanctuary City Ordinance and adhere to the Federal Dream Act.

In the coming days and months ahead, we will work collaboratively with our elected officials and City leadership to create a safe, welcoming, equitable and inclusive city for everyone.

Since 1964, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission has proudly and effectively enforced San Francisco's anti-discrimination laws. We have leveraged municipal power to address discrimination based on federal protected categories (race, color, religion, creed, national origin, citizenship, age, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, familial status, disability, veteran status, and genetic information) as well as immigration status, gender identity, domestic partner status, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, HIV status, weight, and height, or association with members of such classes.