



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 1, 2016

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Alameda County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Create an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Supervisors to work on supporting immigrant and refugee communities in Alameda County.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Supervisors is establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to work on ways in which Alameda County can support its immigrant and refugee communities. The Board President has appointed Supervisor Valle to serve as Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee, and Supervisor Chan as its second member.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

In the last three months, Alameda County has passed a resolution affirming immigrants' rights to due process, protecting the civil rights of immigrant residents, and also declaring us a Welcoming County for immigrants and refugees. The Board of Supervisors worked with many of Alameda County agencies, departments, and community partners in developing these resolutions, including the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Sheriff's Office, Health Care Services Agency, Social Services Agency, Centro Legal de la Raza, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Building Home Together, and other Community Based Organizations.

Alameda County has committed to supporting efforts that engage immigrants, refugees, and the broader community in the development of policies, programs, and initiatives that protect immigrants' and refugees' rights and also build welcoming communities. This Ad Hoc Committee's work will focus on these efforts.

FINANCING:

The creation of the Ad Hoc Committee will have no impact on the County General Fund.

Respectfully,

Wilma Chan, Board Vice President

Scott Haggerty, Board President