

THE SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution in Support of In-N-Out

WHEREAS the San Francisco Department of Public Health (“DPH”) has mandated that dining establishments, among other covered businesses, within San Francisco require all patrons aged 12 and older to produce evidence that they are fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus before permitting entry¹;

WHEREAS DPH has determined that failure to comply with this mandate shall be punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, and that non-compliant establishments may be vacated and closed by force²;

WHEREAS the San Francisco location of In-N-Out Burger, Inc. (“In-N-Out”), a beloved California restaurant chain, has been forced to cease indoor operations by DPH, which has cited a failure to comply with the foregoing mandate;

WHEREAS In-N-Out has long been identified with traditional, conservative beliefs, including (a) bible citations printed on food packaging, and (b) labor practices lauded by restaurant worker advocates as “eons above everybody else”³; and

WHEREAS In-N-Out’s response to DPH states, “We refuse to become the vaccination police for any government. It is unreasonable, invasive and unsafe to force our restaurant associates to segregate customers into those who may be served and those who may not, whether based on the documentation they carry, or any other reason”⁴;

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Republican Party (the “SFGOP”) agrees with In-N-Out’s characterization of DPH’s mandate;

RESOLVED that the SFGOP rebukes Mayor London Breed, the DPH, and the Government of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) for (a) promulgating overly broad and controversial regulations, and (b) unconscionably requiring dining establishments to perform the ugly, expensive, and often dangerous work of enforcing such regulations, rather than doing so itself;

RESOLVED that the SFGOP demands that the City publicly disclose the names of any other covered businesses that DPH has determined are not complying with the foregoing mandate, and whether any action has been taken against said businesses, so that San Franciscans can decide for themselves whether certain businesses are being unfairly targeted for their political philosophies and other businesses are *de facto* exempt from enforcement owing to their local political connections; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFGOP urges DPH to immediately rescind its mandate, and to permit In-N-Out to resume full operations at its San Francisco location.

¹ <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/files/C19-07-Safer-Return-Together-Health-Order.pdf>

² *Id.*

³ <https://archive.md/QwvIt>

⁴ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/food/article/In-N-Out-blasts-S-F-over-vaccine-mandate-16546650.php>