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**The Golden Gate Restaurant Association Announces Immigration Policy Workshops**  
*The GGRA joins forces with the civil rights legal community to provide free training workshops*

San Francisco, CA — On Friday, March 9, the Golden Gate Restaurant Association held a press conference at the historic Don Ramon's Restaurant, to announce that it has joined the Sanctuary Restaurant movement and will launch the first of a series of free education workshops in partnership with the civil rights legal community. The workshops will provide training for San Francisco restaurateurs and their staff about how to protect employees and guests against federal policies that are becoming increasingly hostile toward immigrants.

"The Golden Gate Restaurant Association is proud to be part of the Sanctuary Restaurant movement," said GGRA Executive Director Gwyneth Borden who will make the announcement on Friday. "The training session is a natural extension of our pledge to help restaurateurs and industry employees stay informed and prepared when it comes to the federal government's rapidly changing policies."

The GGRA's first workshop will take place at Don Ramon's (225 11th St., San Francisco, CA 94103) from 9:00-10:30 A.M. on March 20, 2017, with support from volunteer immigration attorneys including the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Last month, the Golden Gate Restaurant Association became one of the first industry trade groups in the country to join the Sanctuary Restaurant movement—a groundbreaking initiative launched in January by nonprofit advocacy organizations Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC) and [Presente.org](http://Presente.org) as a response to Trump Administration immigration policies. The Sanctuary Restaurant platform includes guidelines designed to protect restaurant workers from harassment and promote diverse workplaces and communities regardless of immigration status. While it is not a legal designation, participants pledge to promote openness and positivity with respect to all workers and customers, to comply with all laws, and to participate in strategies that protect workers who may become targeted on the basis of actual or perceived immigration status.

The GGRA's Sanctuary Restaurant commitment and training workshops have earned the support of policy makers such as Assemblymember David Chiu and San Francisco Small Business Commissioner William Ortiz-Cartagena as the type of progressive policies that have become a hallmark of San Francisco's resistance to the Trump Administration's policies.

"I commend the Golden Gate Restaurant Association for adopting this policy to protect the immigrants who have made the culinary industry what it is today," said Assemblymember David Chiu. "This is a perfect example of the private sector stepping up and leading the resistance against Trump's anti-immigrant policies."

The workshops are free and open to GGRA members and non-members. To sign up, <http://ggra.org/event/immigration-workshop/>.

**Links:** [www.ggra.org](http://www.ggra.org) / [www.sanctuaryrestaurants.org](http://www.sanctuaryrestaurants.org)

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