

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM THAT WILL PROVIDE A DIGNIFIED PATH TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, STRENGTHEN THE NATION'S WORKFORCE AND THE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the current immigration system in the United States is broken and not meeting the needs of a 21st century economy. The current system breaks apart families, is not conducive to family reunification and ignores the economic contribution of the immigrant worker; and

WHEREAS, since 2008 more than 2 million immigrants have been deported and one in ten children face the deportation of a parent; and

WHEREAS, it is not practical or humane to deport the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living within our borders; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest population of immigrants, both documented and undocumented where one in ten workers is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in key industries such as agriculture, science, technology, service, health care and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes that immigration reform must protect the rights of all families to stay together, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, and to include same-sex couples, and provide sufficient family-based channels for migration in the future; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is home to nearly 900,000 undocumented immigrants, the highest number of undocumented individuals in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is the second most diverse city in the United

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1 States with immigrants and refugees from many parts of the world who work, own homes,  
2 operate businesses and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the City;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, a pathway to citizenship should not be conditioned upon shortsighted  
5 border enforcement strategies and the criminalization of immigrants; and

6 WHEREAS, the President of the United States took Executive Action to provide  
7 the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents  
8 of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), it is estimated that more than 1.1  
9 million of Californians are eligible for one form of executive action; and

10 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County has passed a  
11 motion supporting the Executive Action issued by the President of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, estimates by UCLA's North American Integration and Development  
13 Center indicate that L.A. County will see an additional \$1.1 billion in tax revenues and the  
14 creation of an additional 38,500 jobs from the Executive Action initiatives; and

15 WHEREAS, the consequence of unbalanced immigration enforcement have  
16 caused fear and trauma in immigrant and refugee communities and have increased civil and  
17 human rights violations, family separation and immigrant deaths; and

18 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach and local law enforcement must seek to  
19 restore trust between immigrant and refugee communities by increasing transparency and  
20 accountability of the involvement of federal immigration authorities in local law enforcement; and

21 WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council acknowledges that civil and human  
22 rights are deeply rooted in the fabric of democratically principled societies, and must be instilled  
23 in all elements of our enforcement apparatus to ensure every individual's dignity and humanity is  
24 upheld, recognized and respected; and

25 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach passed a Resolution in 2010 in support of the  
26 federal DREAM Act (and as part of the 2015 Federal Legislative Platform), and strongly believes  
27 immigrants strengthen the community economically and culturally, and that it welcomes their  
28 contributions to society.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the Long Beach City Council does hereby support the administration's deferred action programs known as the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), and will work towards its implementation; and

Section 2. That the Long Beach City Council urges Congress and the President to reaffirm that addressing comprehensive immigration reform is an urgent federal responsibility, and must occur in a timely manner that is guided by our nation's values of due process and civil and human rights.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of July 7, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, Price,  
Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Austin,  
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Uranga.

Robert Davis  
City Clerk