

RESOLUTION NO. RES-16-0114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF A
HUMANITARIAN PAROLE FOR JOSE LUIS ALVAREZ-
SANDOVAL

WHEREAS, the United States Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") states that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") has the discretion to parole foreign residents into the United States who cannot otherwise qualify for a visa for compelling humanitarian reasons, or if a significant public benefit will result from such parole; and

WHEREAS, persons granted humanitarian parole are permitted to remain in the United States for up to a year and only for the period of time that is necessary to fulfill the humanitarian need; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2016, Mr. Jose Luis Alvarez-Sandoval ("Alvarez-Sandoval") was on his way to pick up his son, Victor Alvarez from Victor's place of employment when Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval was detained by an officer from the California State University Long Beach Police for a minor traffic infraction. As a result of this encounter, Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval was taken into custody and remanded to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) due to a more-than 20-year-old non-violent drug offense on his record. Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval was subsequently transferred and deported to Tijuana, Mexico approximately four hours later, leaving his family frantic and overwhelmed by his disappearance; and

WHEREAS, while in the United States, Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval made his home in Long Beach, California, owned and operated his own business and is the proud father of six children, all of whom are United States citizens, and four of whom are either attending or have graduated from college.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval's son, Jorge Luis Alvarez, is a United
2 States military veteran who served our Country as a member of the United States Marine
3 Corp for more than seven (7) years, including a tour of duty in Iraq.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval's deportation has separated him from his
5 wife, children and grandchildren for whom he was the primary economic provider, and
6 has compelled his son, Victor, to drop out of college to help provide for the Alvarez-
7 Sandoval family. He is currently isolated from family and friends and very much desires
8 to return to the United States to provide the necessary care and support for his wife,
9 children and grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval acknowledges the mistakes that he
11 made in the distant past, but has endeavored to comport himself in an exemplary manner
12 while raising his family of six children in the City of Long Beach; and

13 WHEREAS, on a trip to try and visit her husband in Mexico, Mrs. Alvarez-
14 Sandoval was involved in a serious automobile accident and is currently hospitalized and
15 suffering from numerous injuries that have resulted in five surgical interventions; and

16 WHEREAS, in response, the California State University, Long Beach has
17 adopted "General Order 55" to clarify that campus police should not engage in
18 enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Alvarez and his family have petitioned Immigration and
20 Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a grant
21 of Humanitarian Parole to allow him to reunite with his family in Long Beach. The City of
22 Long Beach is culturally diverse and is home to immigrants and refugees from many
23 parts of the world, and the City recognizes the numerous contributions that immigrants,
24 such as Mr. Alvarez-Sandoval, have made to the economic, social, and cultural well-
25 being of this City.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Long
27 Beach hereby supports the Humanitarian Parole application of Jose Luis Alvarez-
28 Sandoval in order to return him to his waiting family, friends and neighbors in the City of

1 Long Beach and that it further urges all appropriate Federal authorities, including the
2 USCIS, to give Mr. Alvarez due consideration and thereafter, grant the application of Mr.
3 Alvarez-Sandoval for a Humanitarian Parole in accordance with the immigration laws and
4 regulations of the United States.

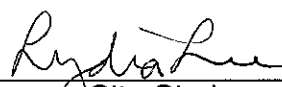
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6 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
7 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of November 22, 2016, by the
8 following vote:

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10 Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Uranga,

11 Austin, Richardson.

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14 Noes: Councilmembers: Price, Supernaw.

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16 Absent: Councilmembers: Mungo, Andrews.

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