

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AFFIRMING CITY POLICIES REGARDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, APPROVING A PROGRAM FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION OF CITY POLICIES AND SERVICES TO THE CITY'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, JOINING THE "WELCOMING AMERICA" NETWORK, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO TRACK AND PROVIDE THE CITY COUNCIL WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT OR OPPOSE LAWS TO ADVANCE CITY INTERESTS AND POLICIES ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, in recent months federal authorities have proposed, and taken, various actions to more strictly and actively enforce immigration laws;

WHEREAS, such actions have raised questions and fears within the Chula Vista community regarding the City's policies on immigration enforcement and immigration status;

WHEREAS, at the April 4th City Council meeting, following (1) a detailed report by staff on these subjects, including a summary of City options in this area, (2) extensive testimony and input from the community regarding same, and (3) deliberations amongst Councilmembers, Mayor Casillas Salas outlined a seven-point proposal for City Council consideration;

WHEREAS, the City Council voted 5-0 to direct staff to prepare and bring back a City Council Resolution consistent with the Mayor's seven-point proposal for consideration by the City Council at its April 25th Council Meeting;

WHEREAS, this Resolution implements that direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista hereby resolves as follows:

1. Consistent with the principles outlined in the Chula Vista Policy Department ("CVPD") Mission Statement, and in Policy 428 of the CVPD Policy Manual, it is the official policy of the City of Chula Vista ("City") that all residents of the City, regardless of their immigration status, shall be entitled to equal enforcement of the law and equal service, and that all shall be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.
2. It is the official policy of the City that CVPD contacts and arrests shall not be based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic or immigration status.
3. It is the official policy of the City that the CVPD shall not enforce immigration laws.

4. It is the official policy of the City that it is the responsibility of the federal government to enforce immigration laws.
5. City staff is authorized and directed to develop and implement a program to better communicate the official City policies set forth above to the public, and to better connect City residents in need with available immigration services and City services.
6. City staff is authorized and directed to join the “Welcoming America” network to demonstrate that the City values its immigrant and refugee residents and to help them to become a vital part of our economic and civic society.
7. City staff is authorized and directed to track and report back to the City Council on federal and state legislation that impacts City interests and policies on immigration enforcement, particularly local control of policing policies, protection of constitutional rights, and availability of funding, with an opportunity for the City Council to actively support or oppose same.

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