

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-xxx

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA OPPOSING DISCRIMINATORY
POLICIES THAT LIMIT IMMIGRATION ACCESS FROM
SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has pledged during his campaign in 2016 numerous times a total ban of Muslims entry into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the very first version of the Trump administration's policy limiting access to immigration visas was strictly from six majority Muslim countries and therefore came to be known as the "Muslim Ban"; and

WHEREAS, the travel ban was found unconstitutional several times by various federal judges from different districts;

WHEREAS, subsequent versions added other countries (Chad, North Korea and Venezuela, Chad was later removed); and

WHEREAS, given the history of our great nation of embracing diversity, different national origins, and religions, we acknowledge that our great nation is a nation of immigrants that enriches the diversity of our great nation.

WHEREAS, recently many of our community members and leaders have lifted their voices in righteous moral opposition to the Muslim ban; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is a community that values humanity, and believes that all human beings have inalienable rights, regardless of their country of origin and religion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista has a rich cultural heritage including contributions from immigrants around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is a member of the Welcoming America Network and is applying to become a Certified Welcoming City; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2017 the population of the City of Chula Vista is estimated to be 31% foreign-born; and

WHEREAS, several federal judges have determined that President Trump's policy of limiting access from certain countries was discriminatory against Muslims; and

WHEREAS, a policy that denies visas based on national origin and/or religion, causes families to be separated, as many residents of Chula Vista are not able to unite with their spouses and other family members from the countries on President Trump's travel ban list; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that in communities where immigrant populations have increased, crime rates in those communities have stayed stable or fallen; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista Human Relations Commission has asked the City Council to consider taking actions to oppose policies resulting in the denial of immigration visas based on national origin and/or religion; and

WHEREAS, the Chula Vista City Council believes it has an obligation to take a stand against government actions that it believes are immoral and go against the fabric of our great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby:

1. Opposes policies resulting in denying visas based on national origin and/or religion.
2. Encourages non-profit organizations to continue assisting individuals that reside in Chula Vista with their immigration paperwork to bring their family members that are eligible for immigration visas through immigration sponsorship such as I-130 Petitions; and
3. Calls on the United States government to immediately cancel the immigration travel ban, as it goes against the fabric of our great society and nation, as a whole;
4. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to U.S. Representatives Susan Davis and Juan Vargas, U.S. Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein, House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, President Donald Trump, members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and the mayors and city managers of the cities within San Diego County.

Presented by:

Approved as to form by:

Paola Martinez-Montes,
Chair of the Human Relations Commission

Glen R. Googins,
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