

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA
VISTA SUPPORTING CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON
IMMIGRATION TAKEN BY PRESIDENT OBAMA ON NOVEMBER
20, 2014

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista supports a reasonable approach to reforming the currently broken immigration system that is in the best interest of the country; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform is an urgent federal responsibility, and must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner that underscores and is guided by our nation's values of due process and civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, civil and human rights are deeply rooted in the fabric of democratic and principled societies, and must be instilled in all elements of our enforcement apparatus to ensure every individual's dignity and humanity is upheld, recognized and respected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista 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, the City of Chula Vista is a diverse city with immigrants and refugees from many parts of the world who work, own homes, operate businesses and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista contributes to the economic, social and cultural development of the CaliBaja Binational Mega-Region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the cultural and social riches our nation receives through our border, our ports-of-entry drive regional and national economic development approaching \$500 billion in trade and accounting for one in 24 jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista supports added investment in infrastructure and technology as well as adequate staffing of ports of entry in order to keep up with the pace of the expansion of bilateral trade and the population growth of the border region; and

WHEREAS, it is not practical to deport the 11 million undocumented immigrants living within our borders, and that immigration laws should provide for a reasonable pathway to citizenship, especially for young children who unknowingly enter the United States without proper documentation and have grown up here; and

WHEREAS, a pathway to citizenship should not be conditioned upon shortsighted border enforcement strategies that add extra obstacles and burdens to full reform; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has issued two executive actions to provide temporary relief to those who are living in this country in an undocumented status: the extension Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Deferred Action of Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA). These actions would help up to 91,000 individuals in San Diego County alone while Congress works to pass something more permanent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby support President Obama's recent Executive Actions on Immigration reform, including the extension of the DACA and DAPA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports the efforts of the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors to oppose efforts to block the President's recent Executive Actions on Immigration reform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council urges its local Congressional representatives to work with the rest of Congress to develop and pass a bi-partisan, comprehensive Immigration Reform bill.

Presented by

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