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Dear Mayor Salas, Deputy Mayor Pamela Bensoussan and Councilmembers Aguilar, McCann and Miesen.

My Name is Arnulfo Manriquez and I am the President & CEO of MAAC, a local nonprofit that provides services in the areas of Education, Health, Workforce and Affordable Housing. MAAC is also the largest Latino focused organization in the County of San Diego. Immigration Reform is the top advocacy priority for MAAC, among other advocacy efforts that include the areas of health, education and housing. I am writing to express MAAC's support of President Obama's recent administrative action to provide relief for millions of undocumented immigrants across the country through the expansion of DACA and creation of DAPA.

MAAC made the decision to advocate on behalf of this issue because we have witnessed how young people, given the chance to work through the benefits of DACA, excel and become assets for our region. We have also seen first-hand the devastating social and economic impacts that occur when families are separated due to immigration issues. The hardships that are created have long-term consequences, not only for those families but for the future of our communities as well.

We know that 1 in 5 children in California have at least one DAPA-eligible parent. Estimates suggest that DAPA families in California will see their total earnings increase by approximately \$1.6 billion, enough to lift 40,000 children above the poverty line. We can only extrapolate what that means for children living in Chula Vista but we are absolutely certain it will bring social stability and economic gains for mixed-status families and forward movement for the wonderful City in which they live.

I urge you to show your support for the immigrant families living in Chula Vista by voting in favor of the resolution to support President Obama's actions.

Thank you for your time, attention and support for this effort.

Sincerely,

Arnulfo Manriquez