

# ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION NO. 9319**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PASADENA SUPPORTING A HUMANE AND COMPREHENSIVE  
IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a nation of values, founded on the principles that all men and women are created equal, and the promise of freedom for all; AND

WHEREAS, the current immigration system is broken, antiquated and not meeting the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It separates families, creates long backlogs for families who are seeking reunification. Further, it neglects the hard work and the financial contributions immigrants make to our country; AND

WHEREAS, since 2008 more than 1.6 million immigrants have been deported, and one in every ten American children faces the threat of deportation of a parent; AND

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 11 million undocumented immigrants are in the United States, and California has the largest population of immigrants, both legal and undocumented; AND

WHEREAS, the President of the United States implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Migration Policy Institute estimates that 460,000 Californians qualify for DACA and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services has reported that 152,855 Californians have applied for citizenship as of June 30, 2013. This is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough; AND

WHEREAS, one in 10 workers in California is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in areas such as food preparation, machine operations, construction, domestic and household services and general sales; AND

WHEREAS, the White House reports that a comprehensive immigration reform policy with a pathway to citizenship would, over 10 years, boost U.S. GDP by \$1.4 trillion, increase total income for all Americans by \$791 billion, generate \$184 billion in additional state and federal tax revenue from currently undocumented immigrants, and add about 2 million jobs to the U.S. economy; AND

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is home to nearly 1 million undocumented immigrants and 20 percent of children in Los Angeles County have at least one undocumented parent; AND

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Valley and the City of Pasadena are home to an ever growing, diverse population of immigrant families who work and contribute to the City and the region; AND

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Census, the City of Pasadena was made up of 31% of foreign born persons; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has adopted as part of the 2013 Federal Legislative Platform that we strongly believe that immigrants strengthen the community economically and culturally, and welcomes their contributions to society. With regard to federal legislation aimed at reforming federal immigration laws, the City urges Congress and the President to reaffirm that addressing unlawful immigration in a compassionate manner is the primary responsibility of the federal government, and that sufficient resources must be committed on the federal level for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Pasadena hereby supports a humane and comprehensive immigration reform proposal with the following principles: providing for an attainable and affordable pathway to full citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States; supporting family unity as a cornerstone of our immigration system; providing due process and labor protections; allowing access to key essential services such as health care; and removing mandates on local governments to enforce federal immigration laws, particularly when resources necessary to enforce local laws are already stretched.

Adopted by the following vote at the meeting of the City Council on the 28th day of October, 2013:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, McAustin, Tornek, Vice Mayor Robinson, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

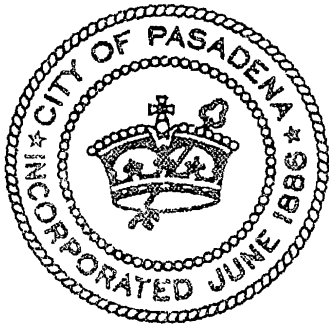
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Masuda

ABSENT: None

  
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Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Michele Beal Bagners, City Attorney



# Agenda Report

October 28, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Legislative Policy Committee (September 25, 2013)  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A HUMANE AND COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSAL**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena supporting a humane and comprehensive immigration reform proposal

## **RECOMMENDATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE:**

On September 25, 2013 the Legislative Policy Committee had a discussion on a resolution supporting a humane and comprehensive immigration reform proposal. The Committee supported forwarding this resolution to the City Council for their consideration with the intent that the resolution include language from the 2013 Federal Legislative Platform.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Senate approved comprehensive immigration reform legislation (S 744) in June that would provide a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, a streamlined legal immigration process, tougher interior enforcement, and increased border security. While the measure was approved in bipartisan fashion (69-31), it took approval of a floor amendment to the bill that added \$30 billion in border security initiatives to secure significant Republican support. The Senate bill does not include provisions that would mandate that local law enforcement agencies federal immigration law.

Shortly after Senate approval of its immigration bill, House Republican leadership announced its intention of considering immigration reform in a piecemeal approach

rather than in one comprehensive measure. A handful of bills dealing with matters such as creating a guest worker program, legalizing children brought into the U.S. at a young age and who are now in school ("DREAMers"), increasing enforcement, and bolstering employment verification systems have been approved on the committee level. However, none of them has been scheduled for floor action.

While there are House Republicans interested in immigration reform, there appears to be a significant faction in the GOP ranks who strongly oppose any path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and who are also likely to balk at the Senate proposal to spend an additional \$30 billion on border security. House Republican leaders have promised to not bring any immigration bill to the House floor that does not have the support of the majority of the Republican caucus, and since they will probably be consumed by budget matters from now until the end of this year, chances that the House will take up immigration legislation during that time is slim.

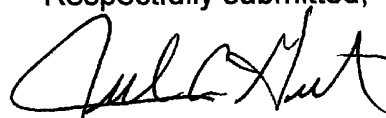
Attached to this agenda are two examples of support for immigration reform from organization that advocate the needs of cities: The National League of Cities and the League of California Cities. Attachment A from the National League of Cities is a Legislative Issue Brief titled "Fix The Nation's Broken Immigration System" in which they call for the federal government to adopt a strong and consistent national immigration policy that balances national security needs with renewed effort to grow the nation's workforce, stimulate economy recovery, and remain competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global market. Attachment B is a letter from the League of California Cities to Senator Feinstein asking for prompt action on this legislation in concert with the principles that include: do not to mandate local enforcement of federal immigration laws and assistance to local governments affected by new immigrants.

At the September 2013 regular meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee, Vice Mayor Robinson introduced Rita Medina, a representative from the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA). Ms. Medina made a presentation on immigration reform and working towards a fair and humane path to citizenship that is included as Attachment C. As noted in the presentation, the Los Angeles County is home to nearly one million undocumented immigrants. An estimated 11% of the Los Angeles County workforce is undocumented and 20% of the children in Los Angeles county have at least on undocumented parent. According to our 2010 census date, Pasadena is made up of 31% of foreign born persons.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Support of this resolution will not have any fiscal impact to the City.

Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. GUTIERREZ  
Assistant City Manager

Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK  
City Manager

## Fix the Nation's Broken Immigration System

*NLC calls on the federal government to adopt a strong and consistent national immigration policy that balances national security needs with renewed efforts to grow the nation's workforce, stimulate economy recovery, and remain competitive in the 21st century global marketplace.*

America's immigration system is failing our cities and our economic future. Local governments are caught in the middle of the national debate with no control over the regulation of immigration but with the responsibility for integrating immigrants into our communities and providing the services necessary for stable neighborhoods. Municipal leaders join with civic and business leaders to highlight the economic necessity of comprehensive immigration reform.

It is time for Congress to acknowledge the economic vitality that immigration brings to this nation and adopt a reform policy that supports secure borders and a path to citizenship for the millions of immigrants currently contributing to our local and national economies. Comprehensive reform will provide cities and towns with the support needed to integrate immigrants into their communities and allow them to make both cultural and economic contributions to the nation.



### Immigration Reform Facts and Figures

- Passing the DREAM Act would add \$329 billion to the U.S. economy, create 1.4 million new jobs by 2030 and result in an additional \$5.6 billion in state and federal household income tax revenue (*Partnership for a New American Economy, Center for American Progress*)
- Immigrant business owners contribute more than \$775 billion dollars in revenue to our annual Gross Domestic Product and employ 1 out of every 10 American workers at privately-owned companies across the country. (*Partnership for a New American Economy*)
- Despite accounting for just 12.9 percent of the U.S. population, immigrants started 28 percent of all new U.S. businesses in 2011. (*Partnership for a New American Economy*)
- In the 25 largest metropolitan areas combined, foreign-born workers are responsible for 20 percent of economic output and make up 20 percent of the population. (*Keystone Research Center*)

### Request for Congress and the Administration

- Immigration has been a source of innovation and economic growth throughout the nation's history.
- The debate in states across the nation and in the courts demonstrates the urgent need for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.
- Congress' failure to act is harming communities. It is imperative that Washington act now to pass comprehensive immigration reform.



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July 22, 2013

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Reform of Federal Immigration Laws**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As Congress moves forward with reform of our immigration laws, I am writing on behalf of the League of California Cities (League) to urge your support for prompt action on this legislation in concert with the principles laid out below. Like the National League of Cities and many others across our nation, the board of directors of the League believes it should be an urgent priority of Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform. Every day city officials and staff are affected by the current dysfunction in our immigration system, and the need for action is critical. The League of California Cities supports the following federal Immigration Reform Principles with the highest priority attached to No. 2, with a particular focus on the urgency of eliminating illegal entry at the borders.

1. **Prompt Action Needed.** Congress should move quickly to enact comprehensive reform of the current immigration laws with support of the Administration to implement the immigration laws effectively
2. **Consistent Federal Enforcement Required.** The federal government should enforce its current immigration laws consistently and vigorously to eliminate illegal entry at the borders, visa overstays, working without proper documentation, and employing undocumented workers.
3. **Increased Enforcement of Visa Laws Required.** The federal government must increase enforcement of visa overstays through the full implementation and staffing of the US-VISIT and SEVIS programs
4. **Do Not Mandate Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws.** Local personnel, such as police officers, fire inspectors, educators, health personnel and social service personnel, should not be conscripted into federal service because the federal government has not adequately funded and staffed its immigration enforcement agencies; and the federal government must not transfer the responsibility of enforcing U S immigration laws to local personnel by making undocumented status in the U S. a criminal offense.
5. **Increase Worksite Enforcement; Modernize Verification System.** The federal government must strengthen its worksite enforcement capacity and dramatically increase enforcement efforts at places of employment, as well as providing employers with a universal, reliable, effective, secure, non-discriminatory, and non-counterfeitable employee verification system, using the most up-to-date technology that will minimize fraud.



6. **Provide Efficient Process for Securing Visas and Legal Permanent Residency.** The federal government must increase its capacity and infrastructure to enforce the laws and provide efficient means for foreign nationals to obtain legal authorization for temporary visas or legal permanent residency.
7. **Improve Process for Temporary Workers, and to Become Legal Resident or Citizen.** The federal government must provide an appropriate, legal means of immigration, as is determined to be necessary and effective for the United States, for foreign nationals that want to work here temporarily, become legal permanent residents, or gain citizenship.
8. **Provide Path to Legal Status and Citizenship With Strict Conditions.** The federal government should establish a process whereby undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States may earn legalized status through payment of appropriate fees and back taxes, background checks, absence of criminal or gang activity, consistent work history, and meeting English and civics requirements; and that the immigrants who have earned such legal status should also be able to apply for citizenship through additional processes, as appropriate and practical, as long as they do not move ahead of applicants with proper documentation waiting to adjust their status or those waiting on lists in their home countries.
9. **Assist Local Governments Affected by New Immigrants.** The federal government should provide local governments with financial and technical assistance to alleviate the local impact of new immigrants, including the costs of providing social services, health care, education, language services, and civic integration.

Thank you for your attention to the concerns of California cities on this important matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. You can also contact the League's Washington advocate, Eve O'Toole, at (202) 419-2505. We look forward to continuing to work with you on California's important local priority issues

Sincerely,



Chris McKenzie  
Executive Director

c. National League of Cities

# Immigration Reform

Working towards a fair and humane path to Citizenship



Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

**CHIRLA**



## The Nation's Aspiring Americans

- Nationally, there are an estimated **11 million** undocumented immigrants in the United States who are working within and contributing to our economy
- In California there are an estimated **2.6 million** undocumented immigrants
- Immigrants are **34%** of the California's workforce
  - **9%** of the workforce in unauthorized
- Immigrants in California contribute **33%** to the State's Domestic GDP



# NEW AMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA

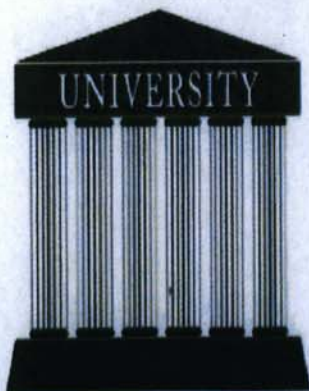


**27.2%** of Californians are foreign born.

**50.8%** of Californians are Latino or Asian.

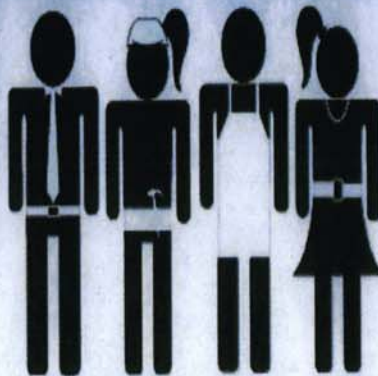
**45.6%** of immigrants in the state are eligible to vote.

**28.9%** of registered voters are New Americans.



California has 94,279 foreign students who contribute **\$2.8 billion** to the state economy.

**32.1%** of foreign-born adults have a bachelor's degree or higher.



Immigrants are **34.6%** of the state's workforce. **9.7%** of the workforce is unauthorized.

Asian-owned businesses in California have sales and receipts of **\$181.3 billion**.

Latino-owned businesses in California have sales and receipts of **\$80.3 billion**.

The purchasing power of California's Latino population and Asian population, respectively, is **\$265.2 billion** and **\$171.7 billion**.



**90.4%** of California's children with immigrant parents are U.S. citizens.

**81%** of children with immigrant parents are English proficient.

**DID YOU KNOW?** California would lose **\$301.6 billion** in economic activity if unauthorized immigrants were removed.

[www.immigrationpolicy.org](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org)



# Immigration Locally

- Los Angeles County is home to nearly **1 million** undocumented immigrants
- **11%** of the Los Angeles County workforce is undocumented
- **20%** of children in Los Angeles County have **at least one** undocumented parent
- According to the 2010 Census, the city of Pasadena was made up of **31% of foreign born persons**



# Current State of Enforcement

- The U.S. spent nearly **18 billion dollars** on immigration enforcement last year
  - **More than all other federal law enforcement agencies combined**
- Since 2008 almost **2 million** people have been deported
- In one year, California deported nearly **90,000** people under the Secure Communities program



# Our Communities Deserve a Chance

- Calling on Congress to pass a bi-partisan immigration reform bill that provides a **fair and humane path to citizenship**
- Creating immigration reform legislation without crafting a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants creates a permanent second class status for these **Aspiring Americans**
- Undocumented immigrants are already contributing to the country but can contribute so much more with a legal status



# **The Economic Benefits of Immigration Reform *with a pathway to citizenship***

- According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), In the first 10 years of enacting immigration reform, immigrants will **reduce the national deficit by 150 billion dollars**
- Enacting reform would **increase federal revenues by \$459 billion over the 2014–2023 period**



# The Real Estate Market:

- **Citizenship matters to homeownership.**
- Only **17%** of **undocumented Californians** own a home compared to **36%** of **non-naturalized, documented immigrants** and **64%** of **citizens**



Source: [technorati.com](http://technorati.com)



# Immigrants are Entrepreneurs

- There are **900,000** immigrants among small business owners in the United States, **18% of the total number of small business owners**
- The business ownership rate is higher for immigrants than the native-born, with **10.5% of the immigrant work force owning a business** compared with 9.3% of the native-born work force
- Roughly **one out of ten immigrant workers owns a business**



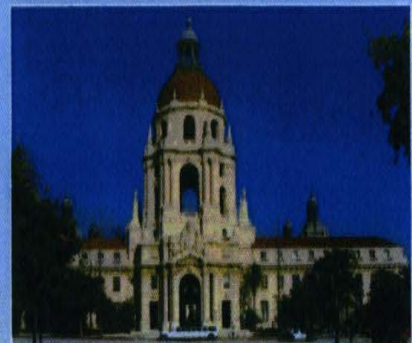
# Citizenship Means...

- Access to “good jobs” and higher wages
- The ability to use earned professional degrees
- Access to financial services to help jumpstart small businesses
- Access to educational benefits for DREAMers and beyond
- Better worker protection and fewer cases of wage theft and worker intimidation
- **Living without fear of deportation**

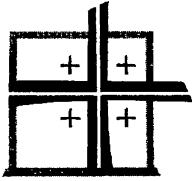


## Pasadena: A Diverse Community ready to support reform

- Pasadena is a leading city in the State with a **Population of 137,122**
- Pasadena is an ethnically diverse community:
  - 33% Latino
  - 13.4% African-American
  - 12.7% Asian
- The proportion of those speaking a language other than English at home is 44.9%
  - 16.6% of those do not speak English well
- 60% of Pasadena Unified School District student body is Latino







ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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October 25, 2013

Dear Members of the Pasadena City Council:

CITY CLERK

On behalf of the Vestry and members of All Saints Church, I would like express our whole-hearted support for the *Resolution of the City Council Supporting a Humane and Comprehensive Immigration Reform*, as recommended to you for consideration by the City's Legislative Policy Committee, and which is coming before you for a vote on Monday, October 28, 2013. At All Saints Church we have been actively engaged with other faith partners and advocacy organizations in calling on Congress to enact comprehensive, just, and humane immigration reform for many years. In 2008, the All Saints Church Vestry, our church's decision-making body, passed such a resolution for comprehensive immigration reform, and this document has since guided our efforts on this critical humanitarian and social issue. Our resolution is included here for your reference.

The impact of our broken immigration system is disproportionately felt regionally and locally—nearly 1 million undocumented immigrants reside in Los Angeles County. One in five children in Los Angeles County have at least one undocumented parent. As the proposed city resolution before you well indicates, Pasadena is a city with a significant immigrant population, with over a third of its residents being foreign-born. Immigrant families live, work, worship and play alongside the rest of us in this great city. Our city and faith communities are enriched by the presence of these families economically, socially, and culturally. However many of them still live as second-class citizens, as they lack full access to all aspects of our democratic, social, and economic institutions.

While the passing of comprehensive immigration reform is a federal decision, it would be a powerful statement of support and solidarity for the city of Pasadena to acknowledge the plight of the many immigrant families within its city boundaries, and would contribute to current national efforts to make reform a reality in this legislative term.

With Great Appreciation,

  
J. Edwin Bacon, Jr.  
Rector, All Saints Church

10/28/2013  
Item 17

We are, all of us, in some sense immigrants and sojourners, strangers in a strange land seeking a homeland. Some of us or members of our families have personally experienced hardships and, at times, unspeakable indignities, in coming to America. Others of us fortunate to have been born here have trekked into the desert wilderness to see for ourselves the migrant path of tears and triumph. We felt the sand beneath our feet. We saw the abandoned water bottles and children's backpacks amid the cactus thorns. We listened to their stories. We touched the cold steel of border walls. We prayed in the presence of border guards. Now, we are once again called by Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. As a people of faith committed to dismantling oppressive systems and building structures and communities that reflect God's compassion and justice, we must do no less than make straight a highway in the desert for our sisters and brothers.

## **RESOLUTION ON COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM**

*Adopted by the Vestry of All Saints Church, Pasadena, on October 7, 2008*

**Whereas**, the Holy Scriptures make known to us that we are created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:26-27) and that one of our great commandments from Jesus is to "Love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:28-31);"

**Whereas**, the Vision Statement of All Saints Church calls on us to "embody the inclusive love of God in Christ through Spirituality, Community and Peace & Justice;"

**Whereas**, All Saints Church is committed to dismantling oppressive systems and to building structures and communities that reflect God's compassion and justice;

**Whereas**, All Saints Church participated in the Sanctuary Movement during the 1980s in solidarity with Central American immigrant refugees fleeing their war-torn countries of origin;

**Whereas**, the current immigration system is broken and the crisis continues to worsen with increased enforcement-only actions such as workplace raids and border militarization;

**Now, Therefore be it resolved** that the Vestry of All Saints Church urges the President and Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reforms that promote a more humane immigration system consistent with our faith and values and that include the following:

1. A clear and workable path to citizenship for immigrants already in the U.S.
2. Reforms in the family-based immigration system which promote family reunification and reduce the waiting times for separated families
3. Legal protections and due process rights for all persons and labor protections for all workers regardless of immigration status
4. Reforms to eliminate existing barriers to naturalization and reduce the backlog in the naturalization process; and

**Now, Therefore be it resolved** that the Vestry of All Saints Church calls on the Parish to:

1. Participate in educational events and forums, such as those developed by the All Saints Immigration Task Force, partner ministries, and community allies, to learn about the plight of immigrants, to listen to people's experiences of enforcement and its impact on their lives and families, to learn about the root causes of migration, and to discuss long-term solutions to the immigration crisis both in the U.S. and abroad; and
2. Join the parish Immigration Task Force and community-wide organizations in supporting vigils, fasts, marches and advocacy campaigns for comprehensive immigration reform, and provide pastoral support and assistance to immigrants with special needs, such as those who cannot support their families, are ineligible for government-funded services, seek protection from detention and deportation, or whose parents or spouse have been detained or deported due to their unlawful immigration status.

#### Background

As a church and as a nation we are confronted by a humanitarian crisis, where human anguish, oppression, inhospitality, and the deaths of thousands betray our highest ideals as people of faith and citizens of the United States.

At the heart of this crisis are immigration laws, which understandably seek to enhance border security in a time of transnational criminal enterprises and terrorism, but fail to offer a timely, workable and legal framework so that millions of hard working and honest immigrants residing in the U.S. may remain in the U.S. legally without fear of deportation, and others may enter legally to live, work, and contribute to the U.S. economy. Meanwhile, global economics and unfair trade policies continue to push people out of their homelands and pull them into another.

Absent comprehensive immigration reform, narrowly drawn immigration laws which seek to respond to fears but not to human hopes are self-defeating. History teaches and our faith proclaims that the human spirit will not forever be bound by walls, whether those of cold steel and razor wire, or those which hobble the human heart. Desperation born of abject poverty and injustice abroad dares to hope. Love seeks to reunite families separated by the need of a provider to earn their daily bread, or splintered by imprisonment and deportation for those who are caught.

It is a costly hope.

It is a costly love.

Since 1994, when the U.S. stepped up security more than 4,000 migrant men, women and children have died crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The Government Accountability Office—the watchdog agency of the United States Congress—has reported that by 2005, annual deaths had doubled to 472. By comparison, the number of people killed trying to cross the communist-era Berlin Wall between 1961 and 1989 was an estimated 263, of which 125 were confirmed by researchers. When people do get across, their journey is far from over as they encounter a world full of alienation and uncertainty. Lacking legal recourse or labor protections, many undocumented workers go to work each day fearing a workplace raid, and come home with the threat of ICE agents knocking on their door. This fear is magnified for LGBT immigrants, who face discrimination and lack of protection on multiple fronts.

As people of faith, we must choose a different path. We will choose to love at all costs. We will say no more to the deaths at the border, and no more to the fear of living in the shadows.

**JUDY CHU, Ph.D.**  
27TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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October 25, 2013

City of Pasadena  
100 N. Garfield Ave.,  
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: Support for the City of Pasadena's Resolution on Immigration Reform

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I write in support of the Resolution that is before the Pasadena City Council today, which recognizes the need and importance of comprehensive immigration reform. I strongly believe that all Americans who love this country deserve a common sense immigration process, one that includes a clear roadmap for people who aspire to be citizens.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over immigration reform, passing a comprehensive immigration bill that keeps families together and includes a clear roadmap to citizenship is one of my top priorities. This is why I joined four of my Democratic colleagues to introduce H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act. This bill combines the bipartisan bill that passed the Senate earlier this year with a border protection bill that passed unanimously in the House Homeland Security Committee. Over 180 Democratic members have signaled their support for comprehensive immigration reform by cosponsoring our bill.

This bill is by no means perfect. Like any compromise, we lost good provisions to the give and take of negotiations. But we cannot allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the Senate bill would reduce our deficits by \$850 billion, and improve Social Security's short- and long-term solvency. The economic benefits are coupled with the human impact of finally creating an immigration system that does not keep families apart or push bright minds away.

We waited three long decades to reform our immigration laws. The time to act is now. I urge the passage of the Resolution and commend the Pasadena City Council for its leadership in recognizing the importance of restoring one of our nation's founding principles – to leave our country better off not just for the next generation, but also for our newcomers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Chu".

**JUDY CHU, Ph.D.**  
Member of Congress, 27<sup>th</sup> District, California



**October 28, 2013**

**City of Pasadena, Mayor Bill Bogaard and City Council  
Pasadena City Hall Council Chambers - Room 247  
100 N. Garfield Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91109**

**Re: Comprehensive Immigration Reform Resolution  
Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council Members,

We the undersigned community organizations, representing a broad sector of the city of Pasadena are urging the City of Pasadena to voice its support of humane immigration reform. Each of us has been involved in the national efforts to urge Congress to overhaul our broken immigration system. It is in this spirit and because of the work we have done and the community members we serve that we urge the council to support a city resolution authored by Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson, urging Congress to enact Comprehensive Immigration Reform. The city will join other localities including our state on calling on the federal government to enact immigration reform this year.

Our current immigration system is broken, antiquated and does not meet the challenges of the 21st century. It separates families, creates long backlogs for families who are seeking reunification. Further, it neglects the hard work and financial contributions immigrants make to our country. Since 2008 close to 2 million immigrants have been deported, and one in every ten American children faces the threat of deportation of a parent. This system is tearing our families and communities apart.

While it is estimated that about 11 million undocumented immigrants are in the United States, California has the largest population of immigrants, both legal and undocumented. Los Angeles County alone is home to nearly 1 million undocumented immigrants and 20 percent of children in Los Angeles County have at least one undocumented parent.

The economic benefits of supporting a comprehensive solution with a pathway to citizenship are great. Citizens go on to become successful small business owners, providing jobs and revenue in their communities. Citizens also on average have higher rates of income than non-citizens and access to "good jobs." All of these things help our communities grow.

We urge you to support this resolution. The Resolution is simply a call to action to congress to act this year. It is a call for Congress to find a solution to this every growing issue, a call for congress to find a solution that will keep our communities and families safe from the devastation caused by deportation and a call for a solution that will allow undocumented immigrants in this country to come out of the shadows and begin down a proud pathway to citizenship.

Sincerely,

**All Saints Episcopal Parish**

**All Saints Peace and Justice Committee**

**Pasadena en Espanol, Isabel Ramirez**

**Pasadena Latino Coalition**

**Pasadena Youth Center, Stella Murga**

**Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center**

**Greater Pasadena Jews for Justice**

**Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater**

**Pastor Ricardo Moreno**

**Pasadena Presbyterian Church**

**Pasadena Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders**

**Pasadena Latino Forum**

RESOLUTION No.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA SUPPORTING A HUMANE AND COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, The United States of America is a nation of values, founded on the principles that all men and women are created equal, and promise of freedom for all; AND

WHEREAS, the current immigration system is broken, antiquated and not meeting the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It separates families, creates long backlogs for families who are seeking reunification. Further, it neglects the hard work and financial contributions immigrants make to our country; and

WHEREAS, since 2008 more than 1.6 million immigrants have been deported, and one in every ten American children faces the threat of deportation of a parent; AND

WHEREAS, It is estimated that about 11 million undocumented immigrants are in the United States, and California has the largest population of immigrants, both legal and undocumented, AND

WHEREAS, The President of the United States implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and The Migration Policy Institute estimates that 460,000 Californians qualify for DACA and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services has reported that 152, 855 Californians have applied as of June 30th 2013. This is a step in the right direction but, it is not enough; AND

WHEREAS, One in 10 workers in California is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in areas such as food preparation, machine operations, construction, domestic and household services and general sales; AND

WHEREAS, the White House reports that a comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship would, over 10 years, boost U.S. GDP by \$1.4 trillion, increase total income for all Americans by \$791 billion, generate \$184 billion in additional state and federal tax revenue from currently undocumented immigrants, and add about 2 million jobs to the U.S. economy.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is home to nearly 1 million undocumented immigrants and 20 percent of children in Los Angeles County have at least one undocumented parent; AND

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Valley and the city of Pasadena are home to an ever growing, diverse population of immigrant families who work and contribute to the city and the region; AND

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Census, the city of Pasadena was made up of 31% of foreign born persons; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has adopted as part of the 2013 Federal Legislative Platform that we strongly believes that immigrants strengthen the community economically and culturally, and welcomes their contributions to society. With regard to federal legislation aimed at reforming federal immigration laws, the City would urge Congress and the President to reaffirm that addressing unlawful immigration in a compassionate manner is the primary responsibility of the federal government, and that sufficient resources must be committed on the federal level for this purpose; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Pasadena hereby supports a humane and comprehensive immigration reform proposal with the following principles: provides an attainable and affordable pathway to full citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States; family unity as a cornerstone of our immigration system; provides due process and labor protections; allows access to key essential services such as health care; and local governments should not be mandated to enforce federal immigration laws, particularly when resources necessary to enforce local laws are already stretched.

Adopted by the following vote at the meeting of the City Council on September 30, 2012

AYES:

NOES:


ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney