

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON EXPANDING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) AND GRANTING DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY (DAPA) AND URGING OTHER CALIFORNIA CITIES TO PASS PRO-IMMIGRANT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014, President Barack Obama issued a series of Executive Orders on immigration expanding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA), programs that exercise the use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action for certain individuals who meet several guidelines, including having come to the United States as children or have U.S. citizen or Legal Permanent Resident children, for a period of time. The programs uplift the American values of keeping families together;

WHEREAS, several states, including California, have filed an amicus brief explaining why the President has the authority to grant deportation relief to undocumented immigrants and how the new policies will benefit states economically;

WHEREAS, over 30 U.S. mayors from across the country, including Los Angeles and three other mayors in California, have formed a coalition to sign an amicus brief in January 2015 in support of the President's Executive Orders;

WHEREAS, more than 70 city officials from across the country, including an additional five signers from cities, counties, and U.S. mayors in California, joined an amicus brief in April 2015 to support the President's Executive Orders;

WHEREAS, over 141,000 individuals in Orange County, members of our communities, our neighbors, friends and family are eligible for DAPA, DACA, and expanded DACA;

WHEREAS, of the estimated 3,034,000 undocumented immigrants residing in California, 1,523,000 are eligible for DAPA, DACA, and expanded DACA;

WHEREAS, if these eligible immigrants receive work permits and driver's licenses, unleashing their earning potential, it could lead to the growth of the U.S. economy cumulatively by \$230 billion in 10 years, and a \$75.8 billion increase to its GDP over the next decade and the creation of 9,500 new jobs in California;

WHEREAS, Garden Grove exemplifies the value of diversity that recognizes the social, cultural and economic contributions of our immigrant community;

WHEREAS, immigrants fill a necessary role in local economies and the presidential Executive Orders grant immediate relief to immigrant families in Garden Grove; and

WHEREAS, we still urge Congress to pass federal legislative reform to fix our broken immigration system, but recognize that immediate relief thru executive action will benefit Garden Grove's families and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Garden Grove as follows:

Section 1. The City of Garden Grove will pledge its support to the effort implemented by the President's Executive Action on Immigration.

Section 2. The Mayor or his designee is authorized to voice support, participate in brainstorm sessions, outreach plans and execute such documents he deems necessary.

Section 3. Urge other mayors and city officials to sign on to any future amicus briefs and pass resolutions in support of President Barack Obama's Executive Action.

Approved for Agenda listing



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