

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DREAMers are an important component of our community, and of great importance to local, state and federal government entities of the United States;

WHEREAS, DREAMers were brought to the United States as young children and many have only known the El Paso community and the State of Texas as their home;

WHEREAS, DREAMers have enrolled in and graduated from El Paso public schools, El Paso Community College, and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP);

WHEREAS, DREAMers have decided to make a home in El Paso and have started families of their own;

WHEREAS, President Obama's DACA Initiative has allowed these individuals a way to come out of the shadows and be productive members of our society;

WHEREAS, the federal government must commit to not mass deport DREAMers before it has a plan for fixing an immigration system that has long been broken and to allow these dedicated individuals to continue to create a better nation;

WHEREAS, denying these DREAMers their livelihoods, would destroy families, destroy the economic viability of our community and destroy the future of millions of Americans;

WHEREAS, mass deportation would cost the federal government nearly \$900 billion in lost revenue over 10 years;

WHEREAS, a policy of mass deportation would immediately reduce the nation's GDP by 1.4 percent, and ultimately by 2.6 percent, and reduce cumulative GDP over 10 years by \$4.7 trillion;

WHEREAS, in two years, mass deportation would require increasing the number of federal immigration apprehension personnel from 4,844 positions to 90,582 positions, increasing the number of immigration detention beds from 34,000 to 348,831, increasing the number of immigration courts from 58 to 1,316, and increasing the number of federal attorneys legally processing undocumented immigrants from 1,430 to 32,445;

WHEREAS, the United States is a land of immigrants, and the migration of people and families from all corners of the world has enriched the American culture;

WHEREAS, El Paso is the safest city in the United States for the past four years and immigrant families have helped contribute to its safety;

WHEREAS, our nation's progress is rooted in values that promote a diversified economy, protect family unity, and opportunity and liberty for all sectors of our society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso, and its duly elected Mayor and Representatives, support DREAMers and their families in El Paso;

That the City of El Paso supports a bi-partisan effort in Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform and provide these DREAMers, along with other undocumented immigrants, a path to citizenship;

That the City of El Paso will provide input and support policies within the incoming administration that are humane and respect the rights of DREAMers who were brought to the United States.

Adopted on this _____ day of January, 2017.


CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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