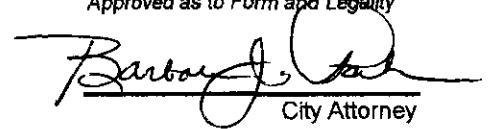


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

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***TITLE: OPPOSING HOUSE RESOLUTION 4437, WHICH WOULD MAKE FELONS OF 11 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, CRIMINALIZE CONTACT WITH UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AND FRUSTRATE THE DREAMS OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS SEEKING CITIZENSHIP.***

**WHEREAS, on December 16, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act, H.R. 4437, also known as the Sensenbrenner-King Bill.**

**WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 criminalizes the mere presence of an alien without valid immigration status, thereby causing 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living and working in the U.S. to be guilty of a federal felony.**

**WHEREAS, the Bill's broad definition of "smuggling" allows the federal government to prosecute almost any American having casual contact with an undocumented immigrant.**

**WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 could potentially make criminals out of church groups providing food, shelter or other assistance to undocumented immigrants, social workers assisting undocumented workers who are victims of domestic abuse, co-workers giving an undocumented immigrant a ride to work, and a U.S. citizen living with a spouse who is an undocumented immigrant.**

**AND, WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 eliminates judicial oversight of delays in the naturalization process and allows the federal government to use subjective and secretive information to bar legal immigrants from becoming U.S. citizens.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oakland City Council, hereby opposes House Resolution 4437, which would make felons of 11 million undocumented immigrants, criminalize contact with undocumented immigrants and frustrate the dreams of legal immigrants seeking citizenship.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the entire California Congressional Delegation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California