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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. 81310 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DE LA FUENTE AND REID

**RESOLUTION DENOUNCING TACTICS USED BY THE
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
TO INTIMIDATE OAKLAND RESIDENTS INCLUDING
PLACEMENT OF FIELD AGENTS, VEHICLES AND
CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE AT OR NEAR SCHOOL
CAMPUSES AND RE-AFFIRMING THE CITY'S
DECLARATION AS A CITY OF REFUGE**

WHEREAS, the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) has increased the number of immigration raids in the Bay Area and most recently begun surveillance operations at certain Oakland schools causing concern and fear in Oakland's immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland finds the placement of ICE field agents and vehicles at or near school campuses to be reprehensible and a form of terror and intimidation to school children and their families; and

WHEREAS, recent ICE operations at or near schools have destabilized the entire school community by causing absences to increase and learning to be disrupted; and

WHEREAS, these types of ICE operations have the effect of criminalizing young children, parents, and families and creating a culture of fear; and

WHEREAS, most immigrants in the City are law abiding residents and productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's desire to ensure that its immigrant residents participate in civic life and daily activities without fear of being arrested or reported to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has been on record since July 8, 1986 as a City of Refuge when it adopted Resolution No. 63950 C.M.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council adopted Resolution No. 80584 C.M.S. on May 15, 2007 affirming that Oakland is a City of Refuge for immigrants from all countries, opposing immigration raids and calling upon the federal government to impose a moratorium on immigration raids; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council denounces the ICE practice of conducting immigration raids or surveillance at or near school campuses and calls upon the federal government to impose a moratorium on these tactics in order to protect the school environment and the psychological well being of children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council re-affirms and declares that Oakland is a City of Refuge for immigrants from all countries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council urges it's federal legislative representatives and the City's federal lobbyist to advocate for comprehensive immigration reforms that are fair and humane and which recognize the economic and cultural contributions of immigrants.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20 2008, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

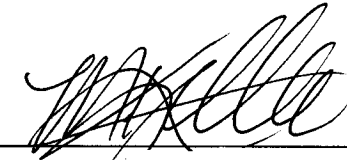
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NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST: _____



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