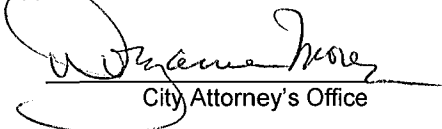


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABEL GUILLÉN AND
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 30 (LARA) THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM AWARDING OR RENEWING ANY CONTRACT WITH ANY PERSON, THAT AT THE TIME OF BID OR PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING CONTRACT, IS PROVIDING OR HAS PROVIDED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FEDERALLY FUNDED WALL OR OTHER BARRIER ALONG CALIFORNIA'S SOUTHERN BORDER

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order on January 25, 2017 titled "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement" and created heightened fear and insecurity among many immigrant communities in Oakland and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement" directs the Administration to prioritize construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall, deportation of undocumented immigrants, and the withholding federal grant funding from cities and states that harbor undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Government estimates put the cost of the U.S.-Mexico wall at \$21.6 billion, which is significant funding that could be better used for other programs and services that serve, instead of threaten, our immigrant families such as affordable housing, infrastructure, and education; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has historically been and remains today a city of immigrants and refugees, with 27% of its residents being foreign born – 31% of whom were born in Mexico - diversity in all its forms provides a strong foundation of the City's economic vitality, cultural vibrancy and social character, and the Oakland City Council in the past has recognized the contributions of immigrant communities in the City and throughout California, noting that "California's economy depends heavily on immigrant labor" and that "Oakland has a large immigrant community whose investments have contributed to the revitalization of the City's neighborhoods;" and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the value of California's exports to Mexico was over 26 billion dollars, making up 17.4 percent of the state's total exports. Approximately 177,000 California jobs are related to the commercial relationship with Mexico. Commerce, tourism, and foreign direct investment from Mexico support more than 200,000 jobs in California; and

WHEREAS, border walls and barriers have had dire consequences for vast expanses of pristine wild lands, including wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, and national forests. In Texas, construction of the fence in the Rio Grande Valley has disrupted the region's ecology, and species with small populations and specialized habitats have suffered the most. California's border region is also home to numerous threatened and endangered species of plant and animal life, including California's official state amphibian, the California red-legged frog, and the endangered arroyo toad; and

WHEREAS, the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border will make local law enforcement efforts to build the public trust essential for effective community policing more difficult as indicated by a 2013 study of Latinos in four major cities which found that 70% of undocumented immigrants - and 44% of all Latinos - are less likely to contact the police if they were victims of a crime for fear that they will be asked about their immigration status, and 67% of undocumented immigrants and 45% of all Latinos are less likely to voluntarily offer information about, or report, crimes because of the same fear; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 10 workers in California is an undocumented immigrant, contributing \$130 billion annually to California's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 13% of California's K-12 school children and 35% of children living in East Oakland have at least one undocumented parent and undocumented immigrants in East Oakland are deeply rooted in the community, having resided in the United States for an average of nine years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to the fair and just treatment of immigrants, regardless of their ethnicity, religion or place of origin, and the City has been on record since July 8, 1986 as a City of Refuge when it adopted Resolution No. 63950, promising to protect undocumented immigrants by not assisting in their prosecution, detainment and deportation based on the enforcement of federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that the removal of adult family members through immigration enforcement is associated with higher rates of poverty and homelessness and children with parents who are detained and face deportation exhibit significant negative behavioral and emotional changes, which leads to increased costs in public health insurance programs, foster care services, public schools due to increased absenteeism, and other city and county social assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 30 (Lara) would prohibit the state of California from awarding or renewing a contract with any person or organization, that at the time of bid or proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is providing goods or services to the federal government for the construction of a federally funded wall, fence, or other barrier along California's southern border; and would, for the purposes of a contract with the state, provide that the term "responsible bidder" shall not include a bidder that provides goods or services to the federal government for the construction of a federally funded wall, fence, or other barriers along California's southern border; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses SB 30 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California