



THE HONORABLE SHENG THAO • MAYOR OF OAKLAND

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Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

At this very moment, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas is hearing a case on the legality of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) that could jeopardize the protections against deportation for hundreds of thousands of individuals in the United States. We Oaklanders pride ourselves on our vibrant and deeply seeded immigrant communities and I cannot stand to see these protections stripped from the recipients of this program.

We must now stand in solidarity with immigrant communities who would be impacted by a wholesale overruling of DACA's legality. This is why I am requesting that you pass this resolution and join me in sending a clear message to the Dreamers and immigrants in Oakland and throughout the country that Oakland is open to all people and that we will continue to fight against unjust deportations and the cruel separation of families.


I respectfully urge you to support this resolution.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sheng Thao". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheng" and last name "Thao" clearly visible.

Mayor Sheng Thao
City of Oakland

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR SHENG THAO

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTIONS FROM
DEPORTATION AND A PATH TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR
BENEFICIARIES OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD
ARRIVALS**

WHEREAS, there are more than 600,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program recipients in this country whose protected status is under threat by a legal case currently before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival was ruled unlawful by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in October 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Circuit's decision allowed current recipients (Dreamers) to continue in the program but blocked the government from approving new applicants; and

WHEREAS, a case is now before Judge Hanen of the Southern District of Texas on appeal which will again consider the legality of the program as well as new regulations from the Biden Administration affirming protections for recipients; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who have grown up in Oakland and currently call Oakland home are DACA recipients or would have qualified when the program was still accepting applicants; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has been a "Sanctuary City" since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has affirmed its support for immigrants and DACA recipients on multiple occasions in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland must send the message to immigrant residents and the entire country that Oakland is welcoming to all people and will remain so no matter the result of lawsuits challenging protections for Dreamers; and

WHEREAS, an end to the DACA program would be devastating to thousands of families who have done nothing in their lives but work hard and make invaluable contributions to their community and to the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland stands in solidarity with the beneficiaries of DACA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That that the City of Oakland calls on the federal government to continue its efforts to strengthen protections for Dreamers and pursue all options to avoid the deportation of DACA recipients in the event that the program is deemed entirely unlawful.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California