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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,

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

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### 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