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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _89656 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:

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AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND

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ATTEST: ASHA REED

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