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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS BROOKS, GALLO, & KAPLAN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT YOUTH, INCLUDING THOSE PROTECTED BY DACA; SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE DACA PROGRAM; OPPOSING ANY FEDERAL ACTION THAT WOULD RESCIND, WIND-DOWN OR TAMPER WITH THE DACA INITIATIVE; URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE THE DACA PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION EXTENDS THE DATES ON THE TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS COUNTRIES.

WHEREAS, Oakland values its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity. Our diversity is a source of our municipality's strength and the Oakland City Council is committed to ensuring that all our residents can live and pursue their livelihoods in peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration continues to try to force local municipalities to enforce federal immigration law, in addition to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) renewed effort to contract with sheriffs to circumvent case law. This expansion of the deportation machine and local enforcement of immigration law makes everyone less safe. When local law enforcement voluntarily cooperates with or works on behalf of ICE to facilitate deportations, significant gaps in trust and cooperation grow between immigrant communities and the police. Some of these practices could expose the city to liability for violations of individuals' constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, undue collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE will make immigrants less likely to report crimes, act as witnesses in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and provide intelligence to law enforcement. The cooperation of the City's immigrant communities is essential to prevent and solve crimes and maintain public order, safety and security in the entire City. Community policing depends on trust with every community and facilitating deportations will harm our efforts at community policing; and

WHEREAS, the administration is working to vilify cities who choose to protect aspiring citizens in an effort to browbeat municipalities to enforce federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, the President is now threatening to shut down the federal government in order to coerce Congress to providing funds to build a wall; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of municipalities around the country are standing up to threats against privacy and liberties by taking meaningful steps to ensure that communities are safe, and that all residents' rights are respected so that their municipality may continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, we know that we have a responsibility to ensure that every individual and every family has the chance to thrive. Senate Bill 4, signed into law in Texas in May 2017, stands directly in contradiction to those values. We know that local elected officials all over Texas-- City Councilmembers, sheriffs, county lawmakers, and state legislators--have stood up against the legislation because it harms their ability to keep their communities safe. They have shown how it will keep families in fear and hurt law enforcement's ability to do their job.

WHEREAS, the same countries with upcoming expiration dates for their Temporary Protected Status need an extension to continue to receive work and travel authorization.

WHEREAS, nearly 800,000 young people who came to the United States, 220,000 who live in the Bay Area, as children have come forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in America. With DACA, they have advanced their education, started small businesses, and more fully established themselves as integral members of our society. DACA is under immediate threat by the President's statements that he will end DACA and leave Congress to find a solution. If DACA is gone it will put 800,000 Dreamers at risk of immediate deportation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Oakland City Council stands by immigrant youth, including those protected by DACA, and support the continuation of the DACA program. We oppose any federal action that would rescind, wind down, or tamper with the DACA initiative and request that the administration extends the dates on the Temporary Protected Status countries.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oakland City Council urges Congress to immediately restore and continue the DACA program in its entirety.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS  City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California