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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 86903 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABEL GUILLÉN AND
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

**RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS, SENATE AND PRESIDENT
TO ADOPT THE DREAM ACT OF 2017 TO PROVIDE PERMANENT
PROTECTIONS AND A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR DACA-ELIGIBLE
RESIDENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.**

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump rescinded the Executive Order on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on September 5, 2017, and in turn fostered heightened fear and insecurity among many immigrant communities in Oakland and across the nation, including the young people who entered the United States through no fault of their own and now find themselves under threat of imminent deportation; and

WHEREAS, the DACA immigration policy established by the Obama administration in June 2012 allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors – entering the U.S. before their 16th birthday and prior to June 2007 – to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of law-abiding DACA recipients are serving bravely in our military, pursuing an education in hopes of a better life, working hard, creating small businesses, paying taxes, and helping every day to make our nation stronger; and

WHEREAS, today nearly 800,000 DACA recipients around the country make a positive contribution to America's economy and our communities, as do the more than 220,000 who live, work and study in California to grow our state's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County and the city of Oakland is home – for many the only home they know – to 17,000 DACA-eligible residents; and

WHEREAS, an average of 30,000 workers could lose their jobs every month nationwide if DACA provisions are permanently eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the loss of those workers could cost more than \$460 billion in national economic output over the next decade without the productivity of DACA recipients; and

WHEREAS, DACA recipients pay a wide variety of local, state and federal taxes and also make Medicare and Social Security contributions, which could fall by \$24.6 billion, should they be excluded from the American workforce – an action which will affect not only DACA recipients but also “documented” Baby Boomers and retirees who will depend on younger workers to fund those federal benefits in their old age; 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, in particular the youngest among those who share our American values and have come to contribute to our nation’s promise of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of DACA protections will force more undocumented immigrants to go back into the shadows of our society and make local law-enforcement efforts to build the public trust essential for effective community policing more difficult; and

WHEREAS, if not solely in school, DACA recipients are gainfully employed or creating new small businesses, which strengthens the local economy and the entrepreneurial character of the community; and

WHEREAS, a previous effort by President Obama to expand DACA in 2014 was rebuffed by some two-dozen states (with Republican governors) who sued in federal court to block implementation, making clear that permanent legislation is required to fully protect DACA-eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, DACA encompasses an immigration policy and practice that is by definition “temporary” and “deferred” and would have continued to be so unless codified in law by Congress; and

WHEREAS, even with DACA status, these young Dreamers – and their families – would still be subject to a future of uncertainty, and therefore urgently need permanent protections stronger than DACA that are beyond the reach of presidential whim and political fervor; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Act of 2017 would allow these conditional permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status (a “green card”) if they go to college, have worked for a certain amount of time, or served in the U.S. military; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland denounces President Trump’s decision to rescind the DACA Executive Order and strongly urges the U.S. Congress and Senate to adopt the Dream Act of 2017, and the President to sign it; and **be it**

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland encourages residents, businesses, faith institutions, schools, organizations, associations, trade associations,

labor unions and others in the community to join together with the City of Oakland in urging the adoption of the Dream Act of 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland calls on cities, counties and other jurisdictions throughout the country to adopt a similar resolution urging the adoption of the Dream Act of 2017.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: **SEP 19 2017**

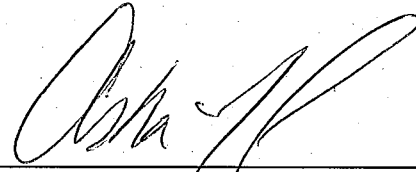
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NOES - *0*

ABSENT - *0*

ABSTENTION - *0*

ATTEST:



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