

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) AND URGING FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO PASS LEGISLATION GRANTING PERMANENT

WHEREAS, The program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was created through an executive action signed by President Barack Obama in August 2012; and

WHEREAS, Many immigrant parents bring their family to the United States to provide them with greater opportunities for access to the “American Dream”; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 790,000 young unauthorized immigrants have received work permits and deportation relief through the Federal government’s DACA program; and

WHEREAS, DACA gives unauthorized immigrants who came to the United States before 16 years of age, known as Dreamers, a chance to stay in the United States to study or work, provided that they meet certain conditions such as being enrolled in high school or having a high school degree or GED equivalent, and not having a serious criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, Those approved for the program are given a work permit and protection from deportation for two years, and these benefits can be renewed; and

WHEREAS, California has the highest number of DACA recipients at 222,795 out of almost 800,000; and

WHEREAS, The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy has reported that undocumented immigrants in California paid \$2.2 billion in state and local taxes in 2010, including \$1.8 billion in sales taxes, \$152.1 million in State income taxes, and \$302.8 million in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, DACA is popular with the public and enjoys the support of employers, educators, community leaders, and elected officials from both parties. According to a Morning Consult and Politico poll in April 2017, seventy-eight (78) percent of American voters support giving Dreamers the chance to stay permanently in America; and

WHEREAS, Pomona has a large immigrant population that, regardless of their immigration status, contributes to the social fabric and economic growth of the City and the State of California and deserve equal protection under the law; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona has a strong tradition and mission of embracing and valuing diversity and respecting the civil and human rights of all residents regardless of their immigration status, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the State of California, regardless of what the national government does, should protect and assist students who are hardworking, came to the State as children of undocumented immigrants and have graduated or are working toward graduation from high school—doing so, and insuring that these students become contributing college educated members of society, is in the State's and in the Nation's interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pomona as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Pomona City Council supports DACA registrants.

SECTION 2. That the Pomona City Council calls upon the Federal government to reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and urges the President of the United States to stand by those who were brought as children to this country, as the United States is the only country they know.

SECTION 3. That the Pomona City Council supports a comprehensive and workable approach to solving our nation's historically broken immigration system and calls upon the Congress of the United States to take affirmative steps toward development of a bipartisan and more effective version of DACA that provides a reasonable pathway to citizenship.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMONA:

Eva M. Buice, City Clerk

Tim Sandoval, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF POMONA

I, EVA BUICE, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on the 2nd day of October, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Eva M. Buice, City Clerk