

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Mark Dorosin
	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Diana McDuffee
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Deputy Town Clerk	Richard White
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

\*\*\* Material omitted \*\*\*

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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REFORM OF U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY**

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Herrera and duly seconded by Alderman Dorosin.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REFORM OF  
U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY  
Resolution No. 108/2001-02

WHEREAS, immigrant workers are increasingly essential to filling a wide range of jobs in our society; and

WHEREAS, national immigration policy is in conflict with our current workforce needs and our values; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in Social Security Administration practices have resulted in dozens of immigrants losing their jobs in Carrboro and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform is needed to remedy this situation, which is affecting millions of immigrants and their families here and abroad; and

WHEREAS, 12.3% of the residents of Carrboro are Latinos, and Latino buying power is \$2.3 billion in North Carolina and \$450 billion nationwide; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants pay federal, state and local taxes, including Social Security and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, local governments bear the significant infrastructure and operational costs of providing services to all their residents; and

WHEREAS, not providing a legal means of working and living in this country forces millions of immigrants into a clandestine way of life, creating a black market for documents that threatens national security and the personal welfare of immigrants.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of Carrboro calls upon the United States Government to reform immigration laws in order to provide undocumented immigrants with legal permission to work and live here and institute a long-term immigration policy that will address the economic and national security needs of the United States, and calls upon citizens, businesses, the Towns of Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, Orange County, our congressional and state delegation and other interested parties to endorse similar resolutions in order to encourage the national government to take action.

The following resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Dorosin, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

Nolo Martinez, state director of Latino/Hispanic Affairs, encouraged the Board to support the resolution and to ask Congress to consider changing immigration laws.

Carol Brooke, North Carolina Justice and Community Development Center, offered services to local employers to help them with responses to the no-match letters.

Alex Asburn, El Centro Executive Director, spoke in support of the resolution.

Aaron Nelson, Director of Chapel Hill/Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber has not yet taken action on the resolution.

Mark Chilton, Empowerment Director, identified three problems that Latino/Hispanic residents are facing: 1) landlord/tenant relations; 2) overtime pay; and 3) worker safety.

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