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Monday, March 13, 2006

5:00 PM

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**REGULAR MEETING NO. 14 OF COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 13, 2006 at  
5:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**ROLL CALL**

Absent: 1 - Ms. Tavares

Present: 6 - Mr. Boyce, Ms. Hudson, Ms. O'Shaughnessy, Ms. Thomas,  
President Pro-Tem Mentel and President Habash

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**0047X-2006**

To oppose United States House of Representatives Bill 4437 because of its potentially divisive and difficult impacts upon our city.

Sponsors: Matthew D. Habash and Charleta B. Tavares

**A motion was made by President Habash, seconded by Ms. Hudson, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Absent: 1 - Ms. Tavares

Affirmative: 6 - Mr. Boyce, Ms. Hudson, Ms. O'Shaughnessy, Ms. Thomas, President Pro-Tem Mentel and President Habash

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### **Explanation**

#### **Title**

To oppose United States House of Representatives Bill 4437 because of its potentially divisive and difficult impacts upon our city.

#### **Body**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus is a community committed to tolerance of all people regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus is home to an extensive network of social service providers that strive to lift up all members of our community, and

**WHEREAS**, On December 16, 2005 the United States House of Representatives approved Bill 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act, that makes it a federal felony to be an undocumented immigrant living and working in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 4437's broad definition of "smuggling" would allow the federal government to prosecute almost any American having casual contact with an undocumented immigrant, and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 4437 could potentially make criminals out of local social service providers and church groups that provide food, shelter or other assistance to undocumented immigrants, social workers who assist undocumented workers who are victims of domestic abuse, co-workers that give an undocumented immigrant a ride to work and a U.S. citizen who is living with a spouse who is an undocumented immigrant, and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 4437 could hamper the provision of vital city services by diverting limited homeland security funding away from our police and fire first responders to enforcement of the proposed law, and

**WHEREAS**, By criminalizing all undocumented aliens, they and their families will no longer know whether they can contact the police to help them in an emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 4437 is now under consideration in the United States Senate; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That Congress should defeat House Bill 4437 and instead consider more compassionate alternative measures to respond to the issues raised by undocumented workers.

The City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Senators DeWine and Voinovich.

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