AGENDA #_____

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

A RESOLUTION _____

Urging the United States Congress to establish a new legalization program to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain legal residency in the United States

Drafted by: Peter Munoz, Assistant to the Mayor

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BY THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
Approved By
Comptroller's Office

RESOLUTION NUMBER 59877-
ID NUMBER 32296-

SPONSORS: Mayor Susan J. M. Bauman,
Alds. Sloan, Verveer, Bellman, Bruer, Golden, Jarrell, Konkel, Poulson, Powell, Rosas

WHEREAS, this city, state, and country were built upon the dreams, traditions and hard labor of successive waves of immigrant workers from around the world; and

WHEREAS, in this new century immigrants continue to be a key driving force in our economy, and such a major figure as Alan Greenspan has stated that immigrants are essential to the ongoing strength of our economy; and

WHEREAS, much of the ongoing flow of immigration results from dramatic changes in the global economy, which have uprooted many individuals and families, and which have made them leave their native lands in search of sustenance and survival; and

WHEREAS, immigrant workers, in particular those without legal status, are often subject to injustices in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, a December, 2001 report issued in Madison by the Latino Workers Project of the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice revealed that many undocumented workers endure long work hours and low pay, unsanitary and unsafe working conditions, sexual harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Latino Workers Project Report concluded that the lack of legal status makes immigrant workers fearful of retaliation, which allows employers to use this fear to prevent them from organizing and bargaining collectively with their employers; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing the plight of undocumented immigrants, Congress previously adopted an amnesty program affecting immigrants who were present in this country prior to January 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the need for a new amnesty program has been widely recognized by the AFL-CIO, leading business, religious and civic leaders and organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Madison to construe applicable laws and rules in such a way as to encourage equal rights and benefits for all its residents, regardless of national origin or citizenship status. This policy directs that no agent or agency of the City of Madison shall:

- request information about or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of the citizenship or residency status of any person unless such inquiry or investigation is specifically and expressly required by statute, ordinance, federal regulation or court order or decision;
- disseminate information regarding the citizenship or residency status of any person unless specifically and expressly required to do so by legal process;
- condition the provision of City of Madison benefits, opportunities or services on matters related to citizenship or residency status unless specifically and expressly required to do so by statute, ordinance, federal regulation or court order or decision;
- interfere with the ability of workers, regardless of citizenship or legal status, to assert their workplace rights, including the right to organize and form unions and to bargain collectively with their employer.

NOW,THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby urge the United States Congress to establish a new legalization program to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain legal residency in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the United States Congress.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Madison, Wisconsin at a meeting held on the 15th day of October, 2002

Maribeth Witzel-Behl
City Clerk

ERIC A. CHRISTIANSON NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF WISCONSIN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 12th day of September, 2017

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 6.29.2018