

RESOLUTION NO. 14-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY TO ENDORSE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WITH THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES: (I) SECURITY OF THE BORDER, (II) REFORM OF THE LEGAL IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, AND (III) PATHWAY TO LEGALIZATION AND/OR CITIZENSHIP FOR OTHERWISE LAW-ABIDING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, hard working immigrants from around the world strengthen our country, enrich our culture, and raise the standard of living for American citizens; and

WHEREAS, we should celebrate our immigrant-friendly traditions as a country, and work to build a legal immigration system that reflects our values, respects our security interests, and serves our economic needs; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives should follow the lead of the United States Senate in discussing immigration reform and taking up legislation in the current legislative session, with a view towards establishing a conference committee in the current year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy is home to a large population of hard-working immigrants and their families, including a population 96% Latino in the heart of Los Angeles County, California – which together with our neighboring cities, accounts for the largest concentration of Latinos in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cudahy is comprised of Republicans and Democrats (including active state delegates to both major political parties), united in pursuit of bipartisan and sensible immigration reform policies; and

WHEREAS, all members of the City Council have advocated for immigration reform policies historically and publically, including Republican Mayor Jack Guerrero's recent Washington, D.C., visit with House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, on October 29th, 2013; and Democratic Vice Mayor Chris Garcia's historical activism in this area;

BASED UPON THE ABOVE RECITALS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council endorses comprehensive immigration reform in the United States House of Representatives during the current legislative year, with the following important principles incorporated into any contemplated legislation:

- (i) Secure the border:
With the greatest respect for the dignity of human beings, we must secure the border once and for all by using efficient technology; facilitating collaboration between law enforcement agencies; and by shifting priorities away from border protection in foreign lands that have little relevance for U.S. interests. By redirecting resources from border protection on behalf of other countries, we can stem illegal immigration at home.
- (ii) Reform the legal system:
We must revamp our legal immigration process to make it faster, orderly, and more secure; and we must enhance legal immigration levels to more closely match the human capital needs of our economy – whether in technology, agriculture, or commercial sectors in between. We must establish a streamlined process for admitting future workers to ensure that we continue to promote innovation and meet our workforce needs.
- (iii) Pathway to legalization and/or citizenship:
We must address the undocumented population by offering a narrowly defined path to earned legalization for otherwise law-abiding undocumented immigrants. This process could consist of background checks, reasonable fines, evidence of financial responsibility, recommendation letters from sponsoring U.S. citizens, and conditional requirements such as military service or university education for young people who were brought to this country through no fault of their own.

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution shall be mailed by the City Clerk to the Offices of United States Congresswoman Lucille Roybal (D-California), United States House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-California), State Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, and State Senator Ricardo Lara.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, except as otherwise provided herein. The Mayor shall sign this resolution and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cudahy at its regular meeting on this 21st day of January, 2014.




Jack Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Angela Bustamante,
Deputy City Clerk



~~Rick Olivarez,~~
City Attorney
Richard Podilla
Asst. City Atty.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF CUDAHY) SS:

I, Angela Bustamante, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Cudahy, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 14-07 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cudahy at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2014 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmember Markovich, Oliva, Sanchez, Vice Mayor Garcia, Mayor Guerrero

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Angela Bustamante,
Deputy City Clerk