

Resolution of the City of Paterson, N.J.

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**RESOLUTION DENOUNCING ARIZONA'S
NEW IMMIGRATION LAW AND CALLING
ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE
IMMIGRATION REFORM**

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CORPORATION COUNSEL Date

COUNCILPERSON JULIO TAVAREZ Introducing the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, America, a nation of immigrants, is the greatest example of freedom and liberty in the world; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of Arizona and the Governor of Arizona recently signed into law Arizona Senate Bill 1070 which requires law enforcement to question people about their immigration status and arrest individuals if they have a "reasonable suspicion" that they are in the country illegally; and

WHEREAS, this Arizona law threatens the basic notions of decency, justice, and fairness which are essential elements of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's law is formulated on a policy of profiling rather than just and equal process; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's law infringes upon the civil rights of individuals and families across the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has described Arizona's law by calling it "misguided"; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's law is indicative of the need for comprehensive immigration reform by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade our nation has pursued an enforcement-only approach to immigration – an exercise in futility and cruelty which has squandered resources and created a climate of fear in immigrant communities, but has not brought us any closer to a solution for the immigration problems facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, the nation needs and deserves comprehensive immigration reform which will stop current practices which have divided families across the nation and which will provide a clear path to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that comprehensive immigration reform can play a vital role in revitalizing our struggling economy; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform must respect clear boundaries between federal immigration enforcement, local law enforcement, and the enforcement of labor laws; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform transcends party lines, and requires input from all elected officials without regard to political affiliation.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATERSON hereby urges Arizona to change course and revert from implementing an unfair and un-American approach to immigration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson urges the Federal Government to enact just and humane comprehensive immigration reform, strengthening the family immigration system, addressing how America decides which workers and family members can come here in the future, providing a clear path to citizenship and revising current enforcement policies so that human and civil rights are safeguarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson urges the White House and Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform now, because our economy, our communities, and our nation as a whole cannot wait any longer.


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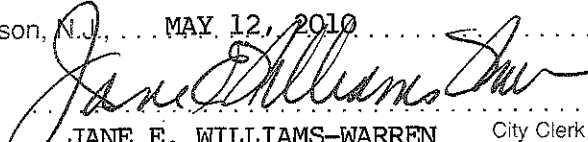
SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON VERA AMES-GARNES/RIGO RODRIGUEZ

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2. DAVIS, ANTHONY	X			
3. GOOW, ASLON				X
4. JONES, JEFFERY				X
5. MCKOY, WILLIAM C.	X			
6. MORRIS, KENNETH				X
7. RODRIGUEZ, RIGO	X			
8. SAYEGH, ANDRÉ	X			
9. TAVAREZ, JULIO	X			

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson, N.J., ... MAY 12, 2010


JULIO PAVAREZ
President of the Council


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