

RESOLUTION NO. 13-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE 113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS TO ENACT COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS THAT SECURE OUR BORDERS, ENSURE ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND PROMOTE STRONGER COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, our nation's immigration and border security policies are federal responsibilities that are in desperate need of reform; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform enforcement provisions must restore respect for law by promoting strict adherence to our nation's values including due process, civil and human rights, accountability, and proportionality; and

WHEREAS, internal and border law enforcement should focus on preventing criminals, drug cartels and other bad actors from entering the U.S. or engaging in criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform must include a realistic pathway to citizenship for the hardworking, taxpaying, aspiring immigrants who live in the U.S. if they meet reasonable requirements; and

WHEREAS, becoming a citizen in the United States means taking a solemn oath to uphold our nation's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, citizenship is an important commitment to full membership and participation in society that should be encouraged, not barred; and

WHEREAS, family unity is a fundamental value of our city and nation; and

WHEREAS, deportations of the parents of citizen children create a risk to the public safety and community health of our city; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen Lancaster's and the nation's economy and frees aspiring citizens to make an even greater contribution to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Lancaster urges the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this resolution that addresses (1) improved immigration enforcement and border security that is consistent with our nation's values; (2) earned legalization with a path to citizenship; and (3) the unity and integrity of mixed-status immigrant families.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Members Howard "Buck" McKeon and Kevin McCarthy of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress representing the City of Lancaster.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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GERI K. BRYAN, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Lancaster

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R. REX PARRIS  
Mayor  
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       } ss  
CITY OF LANCASTER             }

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION  
CITY COUNCIL

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City of  
Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original  
Resolution No. 13-49, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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