

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: On June 26, 2018, with a quorum of 18, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS in support of the Keep Families Together Act, S3036 (Feinstein), which is addressed in CS 18-0002-S76 and related files 18-0002-78, 18-0002-79 and 18-0002-82.

We support the City's will to communicate support of passage of S3036, which would prohibit an agent or officer of the Department of Homeland Security from removing a child from his or her parent or legal guardian, at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the border of the United States, as expeditiously as possible. Seeking other legislative or legal opportunities to keep families from being separated should also be an urgent priority.

The Executive Order announced by Trump to stop the separation of families by allowing the families to remain together in prison is a further outrage, and the City should do anything it can to also express its opposition to the administration's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy and support for the reunification of families.

This position derives from our July 2017 EPNC Board of Governors Resolution, Echo Park Welcomes All and Pledges to Protect Diversity and Rights (attached), which states: "Echo Park is a diverse community that welcomes newcomers from all cultures and countries. We welcome people of all races, ages, belief systems, subcultures, gender identities, sexual preferences, abilities, and family structures."

Finally, we urge the City Council to use this opportunity to expand its own support for immigrants, no matter their legal status, by encouraging our state and federal officials to push for amnesty, a path to citizenship, and a reinstatement of DACA and TPS; and to expand community outreach, support, family reunification/sponsorship and asylum to the immigrants and refugees living in Los Angeles.