

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, thousands of Los Angeles residents have been granted work authorization and temporary relief from deportation as part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program announced by the Obama administration on June 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, these "Dreamers" were brought here as children and have proven themselves to be lawful residents contributing to the social fabric and diversity of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2017, the Trump administration announced that it would not renew DACA and allow the current group of beneficiaries' work authorizations to expire; and

WHEREAS, over 15 state attorneys general filed suit on September 6, 2017, against the Trump administration's sunset of DACA alleging that it was motivated by discriminatory reasons and that the "President has demonstrated a willingness to disparage Mexicans in a misguided attempt to secure support from his constituency;" and

WHEREAS, State Attorney General Xavier Becerra also announced on September 6, 2017, that California would file a separate lawsuit against the Trump administration because a plurality of DACA participants come from California and will thus disproportionately affect the state economy; and

WHEREAS, the City should join California's planned lawsuit against the Trump administration, as the Los Angeles area contains the highest number of DACA recipients in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council hereby requests and authorizes the City Attorney to either join the California Attorney General's lawsuit against the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program inasmuch as the termination of DACA disproportionately affects California residents and the state's economy or to initiate a separate lawsuit regarding this matter on behalf of the City.

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