



COUNCIL AGENDA: 9/19/2017
ITEM: 2.23 (17-131)

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CM
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 14, 2017

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RESCISSION OF DACA.

RECOMMENDATION: As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on September 13, 2017:

- (a) Adopt a resolution condemning President Donald Trump's rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA).
- (b) Direct the City Attorney's Office to support the State of California in any and all legal actions against the Trump administration for its abrupt termination of the DACA program.



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Councilmembers Jimenez
and Peralez

SUBJECT: Resolution Condemning the Rescission
of DACA **DATE:** September 7, 2017

Approved

Date 09/07/17

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a resolution condemning President Donald Trump's rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA).
2. Direct the City Attorney's Office to support the State of California in any and all legal actions against the Trump administration for its abrupt termination of the DACA program.

BACKGROUND

In 2012, President Barack Obama, through his executive authority, created DACA, a program that allowed immigrants who were brought to the United States as children to apply for a work permit, obtain a social security number, and gain protection from deportation. Nearly one million previously undocumented youth applied for the program. For the last five years DACA has given these immigrants job opportunities, access to health care, and, most importantly, peace of mind and a sense of security in the United States. Donald Trump took that all away, leaving uncertainty and distrust.

As a result of DACA, recipients across the country have obtained better paying jobs, bought their first home, began college, and opened businesses -- all while contributing to our economy and communities. DACA recipients are lawyers, nurses, activists, parents -- human beings deserving of the right to pursue the American Dream. One of many DACA success stories is that of Jesus Contreras, a 23-year-old paramedic who worked for days rescuing Houston-area residents from the flooding left behind from Hurricane Harvey. With this announcement, Trump has derailed the American Dream; he has told some of the most productive members of our society that they can no longer work in the US. According to the Center for American Progress and the CATO Institute, this action could cost our economy billions of dollars. It is undeniable that DACA

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youth have contributed tremendously to our nation and the City of San Jose. As a welcoming City, we are compelled to reassure our community that we stand in solidarity with them.

Furthermore, the State Attorney General, Xavier Becerra, has announced that California will file a lawsuit against the Trump administration for its cruel, abrupt, and unlawful termination of the DACA program. One in four participants in the DACA program lives in California, which undoubtedly means that our State will suffer the greatest harm from its termination. As the third largest City in California, we must demonstrate our commitment to support the State in its lawsuit.