

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUSPEND FURTHER DEPORTATION OF UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS WITH NO SERIOUS CRIMINAL HISTORY

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, in 2011, there were approximately 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, deportations have reached record levels under President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000 since 2009; and

WHEREAS, according to Congress members Raul M. Grijalva and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama Administration reportedly prioritized deporting only criminals, many individuals with no criminal history have been consistently deported; and

WHEREAS, increased deportations and a continuously broken immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of U.S. citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

WHEREAS, separation of children from their parents, irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe consequences for young children who are left with no parental guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

WHEREAS, as immigration continues to be at the center of national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement a more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families together; and

WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 10.3 million immigrants of which approximately 2.6 million are unauthorized to live in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, many members of Congress recently signed a letter requesting President Obama to suspend any further deportations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expand the protections of our future citizens that were established by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and grant it to the family and neighbors and all those who have made their lives here but are yet to be fully recognized; and

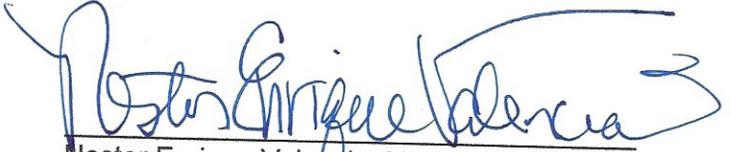
WHEREAS, since the City of Bell is home to number of unauthorized immigrants from various parts of the world, the City should make it a priority to keep families together and continue to press Congress and President Obama for a solution to our broken federal immigration system.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Bell, California, requests that the federal government take administrative action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bell, California, this 9th day of April, 2014.


Nestor Enrique Valencia, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Dave Aleshire, City Attorney
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP

ATTEST:


Janet Martinez, Acting City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Janet Martinez, City Clerk of the City of Bell, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2014-20 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bell by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Alvarez, Quintana, Saleh, Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Valencia.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Janet Martinez, Acting City Clerk