



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Bob Menendez
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Linda Sanchez
United States House of Representatives
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the U.S. Citizenship Act

Dear Senator Menendez and Representative Sanchez:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of the U.S. Citizenship Act. On March 23, 2021, the Long Beach City Council unanimously voted to support this important legislation. Reforming the nation's immigration system will not only improve the livelihood of undocumented individuals and families, but also will strengthen our economy, workforce development, and tax revenues.

The U.S. Citizenship Act proposes a comprehensive approach to modernizing legal pathways to immigration in the United States. The Act would allow undocumented individuals currently in the country, including Dreamers, immigrant farmworkers, and Temporary Protected Status holders, to apply for green cards if they pass background checks and pay taxes. The legislation also seeks to make the family-based immigration system more efficient and to support workforce development through employment-based green cards.

The Long Beach immigrant community is diverse and strong, and the City supports comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and economy. The City further supports legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program to remain in the United States and to enable immigrants to apply for work permits and have paths to citizenship through education or military service.

For these reasons, the City supports the U.S. Citizenship Act.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla
The Honorable Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th District
The Honorable Congressman Nanette Barragan, 44th District