



Date: February 28, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*

Subject: **Federal Legislative Positions on Immigration, Citizenship and DACA**

On October 3, 2017, the City Council directed the City Manager to take various actions related to protecting and advocating for local Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and DREAMER students, as well as affirm an aggressive approach to advocating at the federal and state level for pro-immigrant policies.

As Congress debates these important issues, Long Beach has affirmatively conveyed the City's adopted federal legislative positions on immigration, citizenship, and DACA. Attached for your information, is the letter the City sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, Congressman Alan Lowenthal, and Congresswoman Nanette Barragan.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
Doug Haubert, City Prosecutor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager
Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services
Robert Luna, Chief of Police
Rebecca Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager
Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs
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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

February 21, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
United States House of Representatives
125 Cannon Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nanette Barragan
United States House of Representatives
1320 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Long Beach – Federal Legislative Positions on Immigration, Citizenship and DACA

Dear Senators Feinstein and Harris, and Congressmembers Lowenthal and Barragan:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to convey Long Beach's federal legislative positions on immigration, citizenship and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. These positions were adopted by the Long Beach City Council, as part of our 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda, on January 23, 2018. As Congress continues to debate these important matters, we urge you to consider:

1. Support for comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and economy.
2. Support for policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.
3. Support for federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the DACA Program to remain in the United States, and to ensure local resources are not used to support deportations and collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, which would ultimately hurt California's economy.
4. Support for legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation.
5. Support for policies and legislation that provide qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.

If you have any questions about these legislative positions, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs, at 562-570-6506 or Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach