



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

**Offered by Councillors Felix D. Arroyo,
Sam Yoon, Chuck Turner and Jerry McDermott
(Feeney, Flaherty, Consalvo, Murphy, Ross, and Yancey)**

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston was founded upon the dreams, traditions, industriousness and labor of immigrants, 25% of Boston's current residents are immigrants born outside of the United States, and 92% of Massachusetts' labor growth (2000-2004) was reportedly due to new immigrants; and
- WHEREAS:** Boston has the fifth highest proportion of immigrant residents among the twenty-three largest U.S. cities, with more than 140 foreign languages spoken by residents and more than 33% of the population speaking more than one language at home; and
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council recognizes the dignity of all our immigrant residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognizes the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City; and
- WHEREAS:** The difficulties faced by those seeking political asylum and the children born in Boston to parents given Temporary Protected Status who now face possible deportation, shed light on current policies that can lead to the unjustified loss of highly-valued Boston residents; and
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council opposes any efforts to transfer federal immigration responsibility to state and local officials, since these proposals might damage relationships with immigrant communities. Asking local law enforcement to check immigration status would tax our already overburdened police department and might also make immigrants more fearful of cooperating with law enforcement and reporting crime; and
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council believes that criminalizing U.S. citizens, those who work with and for immigrants, and immigrants themselves is not a viable long-term solution to concerns over immigration and will continue separating families while preventing civic participation by all community members; and
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council believes there is no inherent conflict between national security and the preservation of liberty, and affirms its strong support for all U.S. military personnel serving at home or abroad, condemns all terrorist acts wherever occurring and recognizes the importance of ensuring homeland security; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston has played a leading role in the protection of immigrant rights and has consistently promoted tolerance and respect for all residents, including immigrants, United States Citizens and their families; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support for comprehensive immigration reform that combines a path to permanent status for immigrants already here and wider legal channels for those coming in the future with humane and effective enforcement at our borders.

Filed In City Council: March 8, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-R271

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton is comprised of immigrants from throughout the world who contribute to Princeton's social vigor, cultural richness, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton has been a town that traditionally respects the rights of and provides equal services to all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton and its law enforcement agencies have made combating ethnic and racial profiling a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton Police Department has made it a priority to gain the trust and confidence of the entire community as part of its law enforcement and public service mission and as part of its community policing program; and

WHEREAS, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacks on a nation of immigrants, with victims dying from more than 26 countries, including undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in the early hours of October 12, 2004, the Princeton Borough Police Department was informed by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("BICE") that it would be serving warrants issued by a federal judge on certain undocumented immigrants residing at 153 Witherspoon Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Police did respond to the scene but did not directly participate in the BICE raid; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 5:30 on the morning of October 12, 2004, six (6) BICE officers undertook their raid by gaining entrance to 153 Witherspoon Street and arresting nine (9) Latino immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in gaining access to the residence of the immigrants, BICE officers only

identified themselves as “police”; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which the BICE raid was conducted and the wholesale arrest has caused fear and outrage among the Latino community in Princeton Borough; and

WHEREAS, by identifying themselves as “Police,” the BICE officers have created the erroneous appearance that they are part of, or associated with, the Princeton Borough Police, thereby substantially destroying the trust and confidence of the Latino community which the Borough and its Police Department have cultivated for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the fear and outrage in the Princeton Latino community and the loss of trust and confidence of that community in the Borough police threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the entire Princeton community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton that it strongly disapproves of any conduct of BICE that creates needless mistrust and fear of the Princeton Borough Police Department and other municipal agencies which are committed to help, rather than harm, productive and valuable members of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton urges BICE, when BICE conducts immigration enforcement actions, to conduct its work in a humane and professional manner, which should include the following:

1. When seeking the detention of individuals with outstanding deportation orders at the individuals’ home or workplace, BICE officers provide targeted individuals with the opportunity to present themselves, before BICE officers enter a home or workplace;
2. Enter a home or workplace only with an arrest warrant;
3. Refrain from forcefully entering a home or workplace particularly when there is no search warrant;
4. Refrain from using force of any kind unless physically threatened;
5. Clearly identify themselves as “federal immigration officers,” not “police”;

6. Take into immigration custody only those listed on the arrest warrants;
7. Refrain from inquiring into the status of other individuals arrested during the enforcement action;
8. Encourage detained individuals, who do not have deportation orders, to seek a hearing before an immigration judge, rather than trying to dissuade these individuals from this constitutional protection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton will commit itself, and the resources of the Borough of Princeton, to restoring the trust Princeton Borough residents have in the municipal government and police department; and will work with the Police Chief to develop a policy consistent with the objective of restoring that trust so that all Princeton residents and visitors, including undocumented immigrants, can have the confidence to contact, and interact with, local police without fear of immigration consequences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton strongly encourages the U.S. Congress to pass rational and humane immigration laws that will provide undocumented immigrants with the opportunity to legalize their status based on the sponsorship of their family members and employers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine and Congressman Rush Holt as well as the New Jersey Attorney General so that the counter-productive and damaging conduct of BICE can be investigated and corrected so as to avoid a repeat of the deplorable incident on October 12, 2004.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Ms. Trotman		X			X			
Mrs. Benchley		X			X			
Mr. Goldfarb		X	X		X			
Mrs. Karcher		X			X			
Mr. Koontz		X			X			
Mr. Martindell		X		X	X			
Mayor O'Neill		X						
<p>I, DELORES A. WILLIAMS, Deputy Borough Clerk of the Borough of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of said Borough at a meeting held November 9, 2004.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the corporate seal of said Borough, this 10th day of November 2004.</p> <p>_____ DELORES A. WILLIAMS Deputy Borough Clerk</p>								

Resolution No.342-06

Council Members Zone, Santiago, White,
Brady, Cimperman, Conwell, Brancatelli,
Pierce Scott, Sweeney

An Emergency Resolution

Opposing the "*Sensenbrenner-King Bill*", House Resolution 4437, which would make felons of 11 million undocumented immigrants, criminalize contact with undocumented immigrants and frustrate the dreams of legal immigrants seeking citizenship.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the *Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act*, H.R. 4437, also known as the Sensenbrenner-King Bill; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 criminalizes the mere presence of an alien without valid immigration status, thereby causing 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living and working in the U.S. to be guilty of a federal felony; and

WHEREAS, the Bill's broad definition of "smuggling" allows the federal government to prosecute almost any American having casual contact with an undocumented immigrant; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 could potentially make criminals out of church groups providing food, shelter or other assistance to undocumented immigrants, social workers assisting undocumented workers who are victims of domestic abuse, co-workers giving an undocumented immigrant a ride to work, and a U.S. citizen living with a spouse who is an undocumented immigrant; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 4437 eliminates judicial oversight of delays in the naturalization process and allows the federal government to use subjective and secretive information to bar legal immigrants from becoming U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council hereby opposes the "*Sensenbrenner-King Bill*", House Resolution 4437, which would make felons of 11 million undocumented immigrants, criminalize contact with undocumented immigrants and frustrate the dreams of legal immigrants seeking citizenship

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to U.S. Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MZ:rns

February 27, 2006

San Rafael, CA, 2003

San Rafael, CA Resolution (9/23/2003)

RESOLUTION No. 11418

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL IN RESPONSE TO USA PATRIOT ACT

WHEREAS, since the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation, the USA Patriot Act has been enacted to expand federal powers to combat terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the USA Patriot Act was passed by Congress in great haste and without the normal deliberative and open process followed in federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael is governed by the Constitution of the United States and understands that the security of our nation must be achieved in ways that ensure the protection of civil rights and liberties enshrined in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a number of San Rafael and Marin County residents, as well as prestigious legal organizations, have concluded that certain provisions of the USA Patriot Act subvert the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed staff to undertake a review of the USA Patriot Act to determine how it affects the delivery of municipal services to residents and businesses of San Rafael; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act affects the manner in which the employees of the City of San Rafael conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, it has been the City of San Rafael's long-held policy and practice not to make arrests for immigration violations because of the lack of authority, and to do so would threaten the Police Department's ability to interact constructively with residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, without guidance and oversight, the Constitutional rights of City employees may be infringed, and these same employees put at risk of violating fundamental Constitutional rights of the residents of San Rafael.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Rafael does hereby adopt the protocols, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", for City employee responses to subpoenas, search warrants, court orders, and other requests for information by law enforcement officials; and further directs that the City Manager work with all City of San Rafael departments, in concert with the City Attorney, to implement these protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, given the City's commitment to the privacy of its Library patrons and the confidentiality of Library records, the City Council also adopts the San Rafael Library Privacy Statement, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", setting forth what Library patrons can expect as regards the collection of personal information and the confidentiality of such records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Rafael opposes any amendments to the USA Patriot Act or other federal regulations that would compel local law enforcement to undertake the enforcement of federal immigration law.

I, JEANNE M. LEONCINI, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on Monday, the fifteenth day of September, 2003 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS Cohen, Heller, Miller, Phillips and Mayor Boro

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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RESOLUTION 30851

A RESOLUTION relating to comprehensive immigration reform and supporting Seattle's immigrant community.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Resolution No. 30355, honoring Seattle's immigrant community, and Resolution No. 30796, relating to development of an action plan to identify and address issues facing Seattle's immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Resolution No. 30672, opposing federal legislation that encourages local enforcement of civil immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Ordinance 121063 establishing policies of the Seattle Police Department to protect immigrants' access to police protection and public services; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the dignity of all Seattle residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2000, Seattle's foreign-born population grew by over 40% and it is estimated that by 2010 as many as 120,000 Seattle residents will be foreign born making immigration reform of crucial importance to this City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and other local jurisdictions have a major stake in just and fair comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs legislation to correct the failings of our immigration system, to recognize the crucial contributions immigrants make to our nation, to enable employers to legally hire needed immigrant workers, to protect all workers, regardless of immigration status, from mistreatment by employers, to facilitate family reunification, and to restore civil rights and civil liberties to all; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would restore the rule of law, enhance the security of the United States, reflect the core values of this nation, including fairness, equality of opportunity, and individual justice while resulting in realistic, enforceable laws; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help build healthy families and communities in our city by bringing immigrants out of the shadows, and minimize the criminalization of undocumented workers, which has severe local consequences on our city; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would remove barriers that make it difficult for immigrants to access vital local services and to actively participate in civic activities; and

1 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would give undocumented immigrants
2 who have been living and working in Seattle a path to permanent legal status and
citizenship; and

3 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would extend civil rights and equal
4 protection to all workers in the United States, and more specifically, the City of
Seattle, regardless of immigration status; and

5 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would respect the civil rights and civil
6 liberties of all individuals who reside in our city, and nation, at a time when our
country seeks greater national security; and

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8 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help eliminate the tremendous
9 backlog in family immigration in order to effectively reunite families in Seattle and
nationwide and would create legal and orderly processes for people who want to
come to the United States to work; and

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11 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would support our city's commitment to
12 the full integration of newcomers by providing immigrants with quality English
instruction, the tools necessary for meaningful citizenship, and opportunities to
move up the economic ladder; and

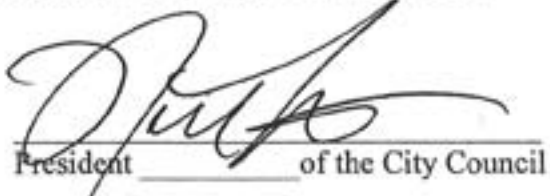
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14 WHEREAS, punitive legislation that is not comprehensive and targets immigrants could
15 have severe local consequences, including: the division of families in our city; the
criminalization of socially beneficial work being performed by local agencies,
16 churches and businesses which work with undocumented workers as well as
undocumented workers themselves; the elimination of judicial review and due
17 process for valued city residents; and the undermining of trust between city
residents and their government.

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING THAT:**

20 The City of Seattle supports comprehensive immigration reform as set forth in
21 legislation introduced into the United States Senate by Senators John McCain of Arizona
22 and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts entitled the Secure America and Orderly
23 Immigration Act of 2005 (S.1033); and

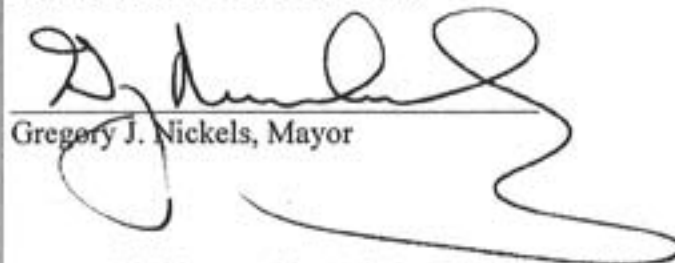
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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to
26 the President and the members of the Washington State Congressional delegation.
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Adopted by the City Council the 13th day of March, 2006, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 13th day of March, 2006.



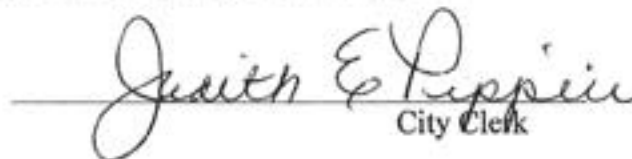
President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 13th day of March, 2006.



City Clerk

(Seal)

Sonoma, CA, 2006

CITY OF SONOMA

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2006

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONOMA,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED
STATE CONGRESS TO ENDORSE CRITERIA FOR FAIR IMMIGRATION
REFORM LAWS**

WHEREAS, the Committee for Fair Immigration Reform has urged the Sonoma City Council to endorse criteria for fair immigration reform; and


WHEREAS, the criteria should: be fair to those who have applied for legal entry; have reasonable residency requirements; consider needs of employers; not inflict undue hardship or penalties; consider employment history; respect families; promote assimilation; and encourage citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages other cities to send the same message to Congress promoting a ground-swell of voices in support of the bi-partisan coalition trying to enact a fair and workable immigration policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to encourage the United States Congress to endorse criteria including, but not limited to those set forth above, for immigration reform laws.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on July 5, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Barnett, Brown, Cohen, McKesson
NOES: Sanders
ABSENT: None


Doug McKesson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gay Rainsbarger, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATSONVILLE OPPOSING FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT
ENCOURAGES LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL IMMIGRATION
LAWS**

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville, in an effort to protect immigrants access to police protection and public services, passed Resolution No. 30-96 (CM) on January 23, 1996, requesting that random detentions and arrests by federal agencies be suspended; and

WHEREAS, the Watsonville Police Department policy requires that police officers refrain from enforcing civil federal immigration violations such as lack of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, over 56 other ordinances, police directives, resolutions, and policies similar to the ones effective in Watsonville to protect immigrants' access to police protection and public services have been passed in 21 states across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, all City officials, including the Watsonville Police Department, work diligently to gain the trust of immigrant residents so that all communities feel that it is safe to contact and work with police and to access other vital City services; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2671, the Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal ("CLEAR") Act, and S. 1906, the Homeland Security and Enhancement Act ("HSEA"), while purporting to enhance homeland security by forcing the country's over 600,000 state and local police to operate as immigrant agents, would instead burden police with enforcement of highly technical civil immigration statutes, diverting them from higher priority tasks of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the CLEAR Act and HSEA would eviscerate our City's initiatives and those passed in 21 other states to protect immigrants' access to police protection and public services, by requiring, as a condition of receiving reimbursement for incarcerating non-U.S. citizens and obtaining funds for immigration enforcement, state, and local jurisdictions to institute policies authorizing police to enforce immigration laws, or repeal any statutes, policies, or practices to the contrary, within two years of the law's enactment; and

WHEREAS, by forcing police officers to perform the functions of immigration agents, the CLEAR Act and HSEA would discourage immigrants from coming forward to report crimes and suspicious activity, making Watsonville's street less safe; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of the CLEAR Act and HSEA invites racial profiling and other infringements on civil rights and liberties guaranteed under the United States Constitution of those individuals who merely "look" or "sound like" immigrants; and

WHEREAS, community members, elected officials, and law enforcement agents across the country, including in Watsonville, have expressed their opposition to the CLEAR Act, HSEA, and generally to the practice of local enforcement of civil federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville has been, and remains, committed to the protection of civil rights and liberties for all people as expressed in the United States and the California Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Watsonville Police Department is, further, that officers shall not consider ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion as a

sole basis for establishing reasonable suspicion, probable cause, or a basis for requesting consent to search; and

WHEREAS, legislation such as the CLEAR Act and HSEA would have a corrosive effect on community policing efforts and represent an unfunded and unsafe mandate imposed on local City police.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Watsonville reaffirms its commitment to civil rights and equal access to all city services, including police protection, regardless of immigration status.

Section 2. That the City of Watsonville firmly adheres to the principle that no law enforcement agency, or other city agency, may profile or discriminate against any person solely on the basis of ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion, nor shall City of Watsonville agencies assist other agencies in practices that violate these policies.

Section 3. That the City of Watsonville opposes enactment of HR 2671, the CLEAR Act, and S. 1906, the Homeland Security Enhancement Act, and any other such legislation that encourages state and local police officers to enforce civil federal immigration laws.

Section 4. That copies of this resolution be sent to federal representatives and appropriate legislative committees, as well as representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Justice Department.