

Supporting Immigrant Workers and Their Families

Whereas, the United States of America was founded by immigrants looking for a better life and opportunities for their families and descents; and

Whereas, California has the largest gross national product of all the states of the United States of America and she has the sixth largest economy in the world; and

Whereas, one in ten California workers are of undocumented immigration status and are invaluable contributors to the sixth largest economy in the world; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council recognizes and reaffirms that the Labor movement is a community committed to equality, diversity, and values the contributions and traditions of all cultures and heritages; and

Whereas, President Obama asked Congress repeatedly to bring forward immigration reform legislation and the Congress refused to address immigration; and

Whereas, even President Regan recognized the complexity of immigration in our country; how it intertwines with our commerce and communities in that there are multiple generations of both documented and undocumented in families, as well as children either born here or who were brought here at a young age; who are part of our communities and he set a precedence by granting amnesty to all who entered the county before 1982; though other aspects of this legislation failed to create an immigration program that allowed for the needs of commerce and laborers; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez's historic labor movement made it clear that workers are workers regardless of immigrant status, and all workers deserve protection and respect;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council supports California's sanctuary state bill, SB 54 (DeLeon) and that the Labor Council encourages all Cities, municipalities and districts to endorse SB 54; and

Be it RESOLVED, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council encourages elected officials and public entities to adopt policies and plans like "Sanctuary" and "Safe Haven" policies that include non-cooperation with Federal authorities, prohibition of the collection of worker or student information, protection of worker or student private information (non-sharing), prohibition of all public resources from aiding in the enforcement of Federal immigration efforts; and

Be it further RESOLVED, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council condemns any and all statements by elected officials or members of the public that promote or provoke hate, xenophobia, intolerance against any persons on account of their immigration status, ethnicity, nationality, or place of origin; and

Be it further RESOLVED, the Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council will sponsor and promote education opportunities such as “Know your Rights” trainings and workshops with all affiliates, members and community allies and that we will provide information to all workers seeking assistance on how to pursue citizenship

And be it finally RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be sent to all affiliates of Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council and to the California Labor Federation.

Respectfully submitted
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