



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION affirming The City of Seattle's support of immigrant communities; stating its support of the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) program; recognizing the roots and community DACA recipients have built in the Seattle/King County region and beyond, and The City of Seattle's commitment to an inclusive, welcoming City and advancing policies to protect vulnerable communities while denouncing national and federal policies and rhetoric targeting immigrants and immigrant communities.

**Notes:**

**Filed with City Clerk:** 10/3/2017

**Mayor's Signature:** 10/2/2017

**Sponsors:** González

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

**Legal Notice Published:**

Yes

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	09/28/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b>		The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office				
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	09/28/2017	sent for review	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	10/02/2017	referred	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						

1 Full Council 10/02/2017 adopted Pass

**Action Text:** The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

**Notes:** Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31779.

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 10/02/2017 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

**Notes:**

1 Mayor 10/02/2017 Signed

1 Mayor 10/03/2017 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 10/03/2017 attested by City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

**Notes:**

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31779

A RESOLUTION affirming The City of Seattle’s support of immigrant communities; stating its support of the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) program; recognizing the roots and community DACA recipients have built in the Seattle/King County region and beyond, and The City of Seattle’s commitment to an inclusive, welcoming City and advancing policies to protect vulnerable communities while denouncing national and federal policies and rhetoric targeting immigrants and immigrant communities.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle values its ethnic, racial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity, which is a source of strength in Seattle and beyond, and the City Council is committed to ensuring that all our residents can live and pursue their livelihoods in peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration continues its campaign to compel local municipalities to enforce federal immigration law, and efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to expand its deportation powers through local enforcement of immigration law erode community safety and trust in the Seattle Police Department (SPD) and other local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, compelled collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE erodes trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities, causing a “chilling effect” which results in immigrants being less likely to report crimes, act as witnesses in criminal investigations and prosecutions, or provide intelligence to law enforcement;<sup>1,2</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.npr.org/2017/05/25/529513771/new-immigration-crackdowns-creating-chilling-effect-on-crime-reporting>

<sup>2</sup> <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0042098014563029>

1 WHEREAS, immigration has been linked to decreases in violent and property crimes in urban  
2 cities,<sup>3</sup> and immigrant communities help maintain public order, safety, and security in the  
3 entire City; and

4 WHEREAS, Section 4.18.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code and Resolutions 30355, 30796, and  
5 31730 as adopted by The City of Seattle affirm the City's commitment to maintaining  
6 Seattle as an inclusive Welcoming City where City departments and SPD do not ask  
7 about an individual's immigration status, but instead prioritize promotion and  
8 maintenance of the health, welfare, and safety of all City residents and visitors; and

9 WHEREAS, President Trump has continued to disparage immigrant communities through his  
10 language, rhetoric, and promotion of policies that disproportionately and negatively  
11 impact immigrants and refugees;<sup>4, 5</sup> and

12 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's efforts to punish "sanctuary cities,"<sup>6, 7</sup> which do not  
13 help ICE's "sweeps" or "dragnet" efforts,<sup>8, 9</sup> create a chilling effect and climate for many  
14 immigrant communities, causing individuals and families to feel unsafe in their own  
15 communities, and afraid to report crime or to conduct their day-to-day activities;<sup>10, 11</sup> and

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15377938.2016.1261057>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/01/trump-immigration-refugee-vetting-consequences-executive-order-214702>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.jgspl.org/climate-fear-social-impact-trump-administrations-immigration-policies/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/21/us/politics/sanctuary-city-justice-department.html?action=click&contentCollection=U.S.&module=RelatedCoverage&region=Marginalia&pgtype=article>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.slate.com/blogs/the\\_slatest/2017/05/05/texas\\_s\\_new\\_anti\\_sanctuary\\_bill\\_is\\_an\\_example\\_for\\_the\\_gop\\_s\\_crackdown\\_nationwide.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2017/05/05/texas_s_new_anti_sanctuary_bill_is_an_example_for_the_gop_s_crackdown_nationwide.html)

<sup>8</sup> <http://time.com/4893074/immigration-raids-undocumented-targets/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/us/sheriffs-immigration-jails.html?mcubz=1>

<sup>10</sup> <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/immigration-raids-having-chilling-effect-170656444.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.metro.us/news/politics/ice-arrests-illegal-immigrants>

1 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has also threatened to shut down the federal government  
2 to coerce Congress into appropriating federal taxpayer dollars to build an ill-conceived  
3 wall at the U.S.-Mexico border;<sup>12</sup> and

4 WHEREAS, a growing number of municipalities around the country are resisting actions and  
5 efforts by the Trump Administration threatening to invade privacy and liberties afforded  
6 to immigrants by the U.S. Constitution and federal laws. Through lawsuits and the courts,  
7 due process and other constitutional rights are being upheld to ensure communities are  
8 safe, and that all residents' rights are protected so that their municipalities may continue  
9 to thrive; and

10 WHEREAS, community stakeholders and civic leaders continue to advocate to keep  
11 communities safe and inclusive. When communities are inclusive, all residents are safer  
12 through greater trust in our neighbors, and between communities and law enforcement;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Migration Policy Institute estimates that 43,000 individuals are eligible for  
15 DACA in Washington State<sup>13</sup> and a total of 35,843<sup>14</sup> Deferred Action for Childhood  
16 Arrivals (DACA) applications from Washington State have been approved by U.S.  
17 Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Nearly one in four DACA recipients in  
18 Washington State reside in the Seattle/King County area; and

19 WHEREAS, with DACA, tens of thousands of individuals all across Washington State can  
20 pursue their dreams of going to school, start a small business, and contribute to the local

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<sup>12</sup> <http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/347588-trump-threatens-to-shut-down-government-to-build-border-wall>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca-profiles>

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca\\_performancedata\\_fy2017\\_qtr3.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca_performancedata_fy2017_qtr3.pdf)

1 economy in the many fields that keep Washington State's economy robust and  
2 competitive; and

3 WHEREAS, young people who came to the United States as children have come forward, passed  
4 background checks, and received permission to live and work in America nationwide to  
5 participate in DACA. This program is under immediate, existential threat, contrary to  
6 President Trump's statements that he will protect DACA recipients. Calls to repeal  
7 DACA put 1,932,000 individuals eligible for DACA at risk of immediate deportation;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, attacking DACA-eligible residents and threatening immediate deportation will not  
10 only cause deep harm to our economy, but tear apart families and communities where our  
11 DACA-eligible neighbors have built ties and relationships. Our economy and  
12 communities will suffer irreparable harm from such an immoral action; and

13 WHEREAS, the Dream Act of 2017<sup>15</sup> was introduced on July 20, 2017, by Senators Lindsey  
14 Graham (R-SC), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Jeff Flake (R-AZ), and Chuck Schumer (D-NY).  
15 This bipartisan bill would provide a direct road to U.S. citizenship for people who are  
16 either undocumented or have DACA or temporary protected status (TPS), and who  
17 graduate from U.S. high schools and attend college, enter the workforce, or enlist in a  
18 military program; and

19 WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor stand by immigrant youth, including those protected by  
20 DACA, and support the continuation of the DACA program. The Council and Mayor  
21 oppose any federal action that would rescind or tamper with the DACA initiative; NOW,  
22 THEREFORE,

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1615>

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
2 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

3 Section 1. The City Council and the Mayor drafted a letter to Congressional leaders, with  
4 a copy to Washington’s Congressional Delegation, opposing President Trump’s reversal of the  
5 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Executive Order and urging Congress to pass  
6 the cleanest and strongest version possible of the DACA provisions before March 2018.

7 Section 2. The City Council and the Mayor will work with the Office of  
8 Intergovernmental Relations to ensure that the City’s position on DACA and related legislation  
9 are included in the City’s Federal Legislative priorities.

10 Section 3. The City Council and the Mayor oppose the withholding of federal funding to  
11 pressure local municipalities to enforce federal immigration policies. The Council and Mayor  
12 also oppose the use of federal funds to build a wall along our southern border and threats to shut  
13 down the federal government to get congressional approval to fund building a wall.

14 Section 4. The City Council and the Mayor denounce anti-immigrant, “show me your  
15 papers” bills like Texas’s Senate Bill 4, which promote racial profiling, discrimination, and  
16 harassment of immigrant communities and their families, and are opposed to any legislation or  
17 administrative action that will provide federal funds supporting the implementation of such bills.

18 Section 5. The City Council and Mayor are committed to working with regional and state  
19 governments, the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission, and immigrant advocacy  
20 organizations on developing policies to protect vulnerable communities, especially immigrants.  
21 These include limiting the co-opting of local police by U.S. Immigration and Customs  
22 Enforcement (ICE); strong privacy protections limiting the collection of confidential personal  
23 immigration status information; adoption of clear and transparent protocols for the certification

1 of I-918B forms for U-Visas; vigorous opposition to any government registry based on religion  
2 or national origin; and commitment of resources for immigrant communities, including a fund to  
3 provide legal representation for indigent residents in deportation proceedings.

4 Section 6. The City Council and Mayor are committed to maintaining community  
5 stakeholder engagement around implementation of policies that preserve and protect our diverse  
6 and inclusive community and will work with established community-based organizations and  
7 commissions to connect immigrant community members with City government.



1 Adopted by the City Council the 2nd day of October, 2017,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 2nd day of  
3 October, 2017.

4 ROB JOHNSON

5 President Pro Tem of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 2nd day of October, 2017.

7 Tim Burgess

8 Tim Burgess, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 3rd day of OCTOBER, 2017.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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