



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,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach