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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran, District 3
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SUBJECT: A Resolution of the City of San Antonio in Support of the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019
DATE: June 27, 2019

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Request the City of San Antonio consider a resolution in support of H.R. 6: American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 as it goes before the United States Senate for consideration.

Brief Background

San Antonio acknowledged its need for greater compassion and committed to improve the quality of life for all residents of San Antonio and Bexar County by establishing compassionate actions through local initiatives, policies and programs. We as a governing body have demonstrated our ability to lead and reflect the future face of America. Most recently in May of this year, the City Council unanimously approved necessary funding to go towards local non-profit organizations as they work to support the City's Migrant Resource Center as the federal government has yet to enact comprehensive legislation that provides a clear legal pathway to residency and citizenship for immigrant families and asylum seekers. There has never been a more relevant time to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion by considering a resolution supporting H.R. 6: American Dream and Promise Act of 2019. America's immigrant youth deserve to live without fear and uncertainty, and by not taking a stand, these individuals will face the threat of deportation and their families will continue to be torn apart. The passage of this resolution is consistent with the goals expressed in the Charter for Compassion approved by City Council in June 2017 as well as, the resolution opposing a federal plan to ask citizenship status on the 2020 census adopted June 2018.

Protections within the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 would permit 700,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, to include another 1.6 million eligible Dreamers brought to the U.S. as children, be allowed to stay. Safeguards within the bill



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would allow over 300,000 temporary protected status holders and 3,600 individuals with deferred enforced departure to have the opportunity to remain in the country.

The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, H.R. 6, would establish an earned pathway to U.S. citizenship for immigrant youth and current or potential holders of temporary protected status (TPS) or deferred enforced departure (DED). H.R. 6 would provide conditional permanent resident (CPR) status and a roadmap to lawful permanent resident (LPR) status and, eventually, U.S. citizenship for immigrant youth who entered the United States before age 18, have four or more years of residency, and graduated from high school or the equivalent. The bill also would provide an opportunity for people who currently have or who may be eligible for TPS or DED and have three or more years of residence in the U.S. to apply for LPR status and, eventually, U.S. citizenship.

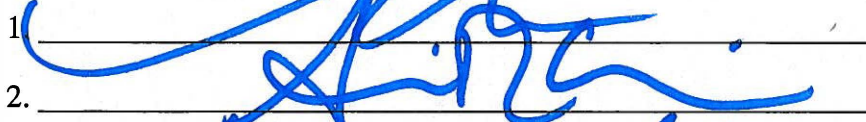



H.R. 6 was first introduced on March 12, 2019 sponsored by Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard D - CA the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

The bill passed the House of Representatives on June 4, 2019, and was received by the Senate on June 5, 2019. The bill was read a second time on June 10, 2019 and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No 112. With the passage of the Resolution we urge the Senate to support American Dream and Promise Act of 2019.

Submitted for Council consideration by:


Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, District 3

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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