



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION ON THE IMMIGRATION STRUGGLE

WHEREAS, the recent ruling upholding the stay on the President's executive orders for DAPA and an expanded DACA by an ultra-conservative panel of a conservative District Court is disappointing but not unexpected. And while we remain confident that the executive orders will ultimately be upheld there are actions the Obama Administration should take immediately if it is to remain consistent with its stated policies against the separation of families, and

WHEREAS, we understand the legal strategy now taken by the administration; that is, to delay an appeal on the issue of the stay until arguments on the main issue of the executive orders themselves are presented in July; nevertheless we hold the Republican governors who have brought the lawsuit and the Republican controlled Congress which has failed to act on immigration reform responsible for the continuing attack on our families. The Republicans will have to answer to our community in the next elections - and ultimately they will have to answer to God for their campaign to separate the families that God has joined together, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT LULAC of Illinois DEMAND that the President and his Department of Homeland Security scrupulously follow their stated policy of exercising discretion in refusing to deport those who are eligible for DAPA or the extended DACA. Unfortunately there are already cases in which this stated policy has been violated, deporting parents of U.S. citizen children and

FURTHER, WE DEMAND also that this policy of prosecutorial discretion be extended to the parents of DACA recipients - "Dreamers." The failure to include these parents in the original executive order was incomprehensible to us and wrong. At a minimum, ICE should be precluded from separating the families of the dreamers, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we call on the administration review its policies on the reunification of families that have been separated before the

executive orders were issued. Those who have been deported should be allowed to return on humanitarian parole, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, LULAC of Illinois will assist their councils with the training to train other community organizations and churches to join LULAC of Illinois in helping DAPA eligible families to prepare pre-registration packets and "ID's" that will enable them to present their argument for prosecutorial discretion if they are arrested by ICE, thus expediting their release. The struggle for the executive order has been long and hard. As with Lincoln's emancipation proclamation its ultimate justification came when the national electorate returned the President to office after the use of this executive authority. It is clear that the majority of the people in this country oppose the policy of mass deportation and family separation. Moreover, the use of Republican appointees to the Federal court politicizes the court in violation of the spirit of the constitution. It is politically unconscionable and morally reprehensible. As we continue to defend our family against deportations we will also prepare to mobilize - both in the streets and at the polls.

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