

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/343

Affirming the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

Whereas, in 2012 President Obama issued an Executive Order that gave certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States by their parents as a child and entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday – commonly referred to as “Dreamers” – relief to deportation and the ability to live, work and study in the U.S. for a period of two years, subject to renewal. The program is known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

Whereas, DACA has protected nearly 800,000 people, approximately a quarter of those recipients live in the State of California and over half have U.S. citizen brothers and sisters; and

Whereas, the County of Contra Costa and the State of California are enriched by the economic and social contributions made by DACA recipients; and

Whereas, an estimated 187,972 DACA recipients in California have contributed an estimated \$11.3 billion to our state economy; and

Whereas, DACA beneficiaries have improved their employment status which includes better working conditions, higher earnings, health care benefits, ability to support their families financially, and ability to pursue or complete a postsecondary education; and

Whereas, each person deserves to be treated with respect and each DACA recipient should be allowed to fulfill their dreams in the only country they know – the United States of America; and

Whereas, today we reaffirm that commitment. We stand for the values that DACA upholds. We are a welcoming, inclusive County that prides itself on its diversity and values every member of our community; and

Whereas, Dreamers bear no responsibility for the actions that brought them to this country and should not face the possibility of deportation; and

Whereas, DACA recipients contribute significantly to the social fabric of our community and economy through their attainment of higher levels of education, increased wages and establishing their families and homes in our community; and

Whereas, these young Dreamers contribute to our schools, churches, cities, and communities. They are our colleagues, neighbors, and friends; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes, celebrates and commends DACA beneficiaries for their countless contributions to our society.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors urges the President of the United States and his administration to preserve the DACA program and urges our members of Congress, to work with their colleagues to act immediately to pass legislation without any partisan, divisive amendments to permanently protect these young people and pass legislation that provides DACA recipients a solution and end to the uncertainty they face.

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Chair, District V Supervisor

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: September 19, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy