

D.5



October 22, 2018

Karen Mitchoff, Chair
John Gioia, Vice Chair
Supervisors Candace Andersen, Diane Burgis and Federal Glover:

Re: Agenda item, D-5

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing you on behalf of the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition. The ACTION in our name represents Advocates & Communities Taking Initiative for Our Neighbors. Members of faith organizations in **Contra Costa County** have come together to be a moral voice for people who are vulnerable through action.

Tonight, the Steering Committee of the Coalition voted to oppose the proposed federal regulations that would significantly change the "public charge" rules.

We strongly support the resolution on your agenda for Tuesday, October 23 – identified as item D-5. The Department heads, Kathy Gallagher, Anna Roth and Joseph Villarreal are to be commended for getting in front of this issue and looking out for the residents of Contra Costa County. Working together we will advocate to stop this proposed regulation that would mark a fundamental change from our nation's historic commitment to welcoming immigrants.

Please accept our comment and vote in favor of item D-5.

Sincerely,

Melody Howe Weintraub
Chair, Steering Committee

REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D5

Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair.

Date: 10/23/18

Personal information is optional. This speaker's card will be incorporated into the public record of this meeting.

My comments will be: General For Against

NAME (Print) John Gallagher
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: _____

City: SAN RAMON CA 94582

Phone: _____

I am speaking for: Myself Organization: _____

I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider. (Use the back of this form.)

Information for Speakers:

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Deposit this form in the upright box next to the speaker's podium before the Board's consideration of your item.

I want to express my opposition
to the proposed new public
charge ^{regulations} recommendations. I
believe that Contra Costa County
should do everything it can
to be welcoming to ^{all} members
of our community and support
their needs. I believe the
proposed ^{regulation} legislation does the opposite,
and it creates a climate that will
deter our neediest residents from
seeking the support they need.

Wait to be called by the Chair. Please speak into the microphone at the podium.

Begin by stating your name and your city or area of residence, and whether you are speaking for yourself or on behalf of an organization.

If you have handout materials, please give them to the Clerk.

Avoid repeating comments made by previous speakers.

John Gallagher

Response to Item D-5 October 23rd Board of Supervisor's Meeting

To: County Supervisors: Karen Mitchoff, John M. Giola, Candace Anderson, Diane Burgis, Federal D. Glover

For Public Comment October 23, 2018

This County supported SB 54, held a "truth Forum" and the schools, Community College, and several Contra Costa County Cities passed resolutions supporting and welcoming all people. This work represented approximately 140 elected officials and 17 State Appointed officials that were gathered together for support for all people in Contra Costa County.

It is important for the County Board of Supervisors to oppose the proposed changes to rules related to "public charge." We are a county with integrity, values, caring, and we work to provide safety and inclusion for all peoples.

Please amend the County's 2019 Federal Legislative Platform to include opposition to proposed changes to rules related to public charge.

Thank You,

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