

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
GOVERNING BODY
RESOLUTION

Motion by: MARTINEZ

Seconded by: KANDIS

RESOLUTION #2010-114

TITLE: RESOLUTION DENOUNCING ARIZONA’S NEW IMMIGRATION LAW AND CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, America, a nation of immigrants, is the greatest example of freedom and liberty in the world; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of Arizona and the Governor of Arizona recently signed into law Arizona Senate Bill 1070 which requires law enforcement to question people about their immigration status and arrest individuals if they have a “reasonable suspicion” that they are in the country illegally; and

WHEREAS, this Arizona law threatens the basic notions of decency, justice, and fairness which are essential elements of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s law is formulated on a policy of profiling rather than just and equal process; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s law infringes upon the civil rights of individuals and families across the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has described Arizona’s law by calling it “misguided”; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s law is indicative of the need for comprehensive immigration reform by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade our nation has pursued an enforcement- only approach to immigration- an exercise in futility and cruelty which has squandered resources and created a climate of fear in immigrant communities, but has not brought use us any closer to a solution for the immigration problems facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, the nation needs and deserves comprehensive immigration reform which will stop current practices which have divided families across the nation and which will provide a clear path to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that comprehensive immigration reform can play a vital role in revitalizing our struggling economy; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform must respect clear boundaries between federal immigration enforcement, local law enforcement, and the enforcement of labor laws; and

WHEREAS, immigration reform transcends party lines, and requires input form all elected officials without regard to political affiliation.

Name	Motion	Second	Roll Call Vote		Abstain	Absent
			Yes	No		
Domenick Stampone						
Dom Fusco			X			
Michael Tirri			X			
Maha Kandis		X	X			
Heather Kilminster			X			
Reynaldo Martinez	X		X			
Dan Batelli						X

This resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the Borough of Haledon at a meeting held on July 15, 2010.

Leena Abaza
Deputy Clerk

