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California State University, Los Angeles

A Resolution in Support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

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Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles Associated Students, Incorporated
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Whereas, On June 15, 2012 President Obama announced an executive action, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), that changed immigration policy to allow qualified young adults to remain in the country without the fear of deportation and grant temporary work permits¹; and

Whereas, deferred action is a form a prosecutorial discretion that provides a work permit and relief from deportation for two years to certain eligible undocumented young adults; and

Whereas, DACA's benefits include protection from removal proceedings, temporary employment authorization that is renewable every two years, and a social security number; and

Whereas, the requirement to qualify for DACA are²:

- to be at least 15 years of age, to have been under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012,
- have been physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012 and at the time of requesting DACA,
- entered the country before one's 16th birthday, resided in the United States since June 15, 2007,
- currently enrolled in school, graduate or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, GED certificate, or is an honorable discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or armed forces,
- has not been convicted of a felony significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and does not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety,
- pay an application fee of \$495 (biometric and biographic exams); and

Whereas, according to a 2014 Pew Research estimate about 1.1 million young adults are eligible for DACA³; and

Whereas, as of March 31st, 2017 there has been 886,814 applications, which 787,580 have been approved, 67,867 denied, and 31,367 are pending⁴; and

¹ <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/16/us/us-to-stop-deporting-some-illegal-immigrants.html?mcubz=3>

² <https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/s1-exercising-prosecutorial-discretion-individuals-who-came-to-us-as-children.pdf>

³ <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/01/05/authorized-immigrants-covered-by-daca-face-uncertain-future/>

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https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca_performancedata_fy2017_qtr2.pdf



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Whereas, California leads the nation with 222,795 initial applications granted in CA, the next most is Texas with 110,050 initials application granted⁵; and

Whereas, according to 2017 National DACA Study, DACA has increased recipients' hourly wages by an average of 69% giving them additional purchasing power which boosts economic growth⁶; and

Whereas, according to the same study 65% of respondents reported purchasing their first car, 16% of respondents purchased their first home⁷; and

Whereas, research shows that DACA beneficiaries will contribute \$460.3 billion to the U.S. GDP over the next decade⁸; and

Whereas, during the campaign trail, President Trump pledged to end DACA, but once elected the Trump administration issued a series of memorandums that stated young adults would still be eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals⁹; and

Whereas, 10 conservative states have threatened to file a lawsuit against the program if Trump does not end the program by September 5, 2017¹⁰; and

Whereas, the termination of the DACA program would lead to the immediate unemployment of 685,000 recipients who are currently employed, this will cost business and employers about \$3.4 billion dollars in turnover costs associated with termination and potential replacement of an employee; and

Whereas, DACA is highly popular, even amongst President's Trump voters, where in a Morning Consult Poll found that 4 out 5 registered voters said Dreamers should be allowed to stay in the country¹¹, and

Whereas, reports indicate that Trump could act to end DACA before the September 5, 2017 deadline set by the coalition of conservative states¹²; let it be

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https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigration%20Forms%20Data/All%20Form%20Types/DACA/daca_performancedata_fy2017_qtr2.pdf

⁶ <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/08/28/437956/daca-recipients-economic-educational-gains-continue-grow/>

⁷ <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/08/28/437956/daca-recipients-economic-educational-gains-continue-grow/>

⁸ <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/07/21/436419/new-threat-daca-cost-states-billions-dollars/>

⁹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/16/us/politics/trump-will-allow-dreamers-to-stay-in-us-reversing-campaign-promise.html?mcubz=3>

¹⁰ https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2017/08/28/will-trump-end-protections-for-the-dreamers-a-new-study-shows-how-foolish-this-would-be/?utm_term=.5fd45d2820bd

¹¹ <https://morningconsult.com/2017/06/16/poll-trumps-decision-dreamers-popular-one-even-among-base/>

¹² <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/trump-likely-end-daca-immigrant-program-n796091>



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Resolved, that A.S.I. of Cal State LA , and let it be finally

Resolved, that copies of this resolution will be shared with Cal State LA student body, Cal State LA University President Bill Covino, Cal State LA Academic Senate, the CSU Board of Trustees, Academic Senate of the California State University, and the Cal State Student Association.

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