

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission for the City of Austin Resolution for Support for Immigrant Families

Whereas,
Immigrants comprise a significant percentage of the City of Austin's community, and contribute in critical and meaningful ways to Austin's local economy, school district, and civil society;

Whereas,
Recent enforcement tactics by Immigration Customs Enforcement have caused a tidal wave of fear and uncertainty throughout Austin's schools and neighborhoods and impaired the function of schools, businesses, and community activities;

Whereas,
The detainment and deportation of immigrant residents of Austin, often without full due process, have created an emotional, financial and social burden on the families of those impacted, particularly with regard to the need for valuable legal counsel to ensure that constitutional rights are respected, as well as the cost of lost wages when family members are detained;

Whereas,
Austin Mayor Steve Adler and members of Austin's City Council have denounced Texas Governor Greg Abbott's decision to punish Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, by cutting off access to much needed funds for crime prevention, as well as President Donald Trump's deployment of ICE agents into Austin;

Whereas,
Mayor and Council have expressed a desire to support Austin's community by declaring that immigrants of various status play an important role in our City's health and vibrance, and that the City government will do what it can to support families impacted during this time;

Be it resolved that the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission for the City of Austin hereby supports the Mayor and City Council in their declarations and actions of support and solidarity with Austin's immigrant communities, and the Commission recommends that the City of Austin dedicate financial support for the legal fees of those impacted, as well as to the financial support of those whose families are burdened by the loss of wages during this time.