

RESOLUTION NO. 73121

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE OPPOSING HR 4437 AND SUPPORTING A FAIR, JUST AND HUMANE IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION THAT RECOGNIZES ALL IMMIGRANTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE

WHEREAS, HR 4437, is a punitive and unworkable measure that increases enforcement but does nothing to solve current immigration issues in the United States;

WHEREAS, while many policy makers understand the need for broad immigration reform, a comprehensive reform bill should be one that is fair, just and humane, and recognizes all immigrants for their contributions to our economic and social life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive immigration reform bill should provide undocumented workers and students a path toward permanent residency; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive immigration reform bill should also provide a system that addresses the backlog of visas to reunite families currently separated, as well as prevent the criminalization of the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

SECTION 1.

The City of San Jose hereby opposes HR 4437 which is a punitive and unworkable measure that increases enforcement but does nothing to solve current immigration issues in the United States.

SECTION 2.

A comprehensive reform bill should be one that is compassionate, fair, just and humane, and recognizes all immigrants for their contributions to our economic and social life.

SECTION 3.

A comprehensive reform bill should provide undocumented workers and students a path towards permanent residency, a system that addresses the backlog of visas to reunite families currently separated, and should prevent the criminalization of the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States, the community and faith based organizations that provide assistance and services to this population including local City of San Jose services provided by the City's first responders such as police, fire and health and safety services personnel. A bill should also focus on the safety and security of the Nation as well as those employers who exploit immigrants.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHAVEZ, CHIRCO, CORTESE, LeZOTTE,
NGUYEN, PYLE, REED, WILLIAMS, YEAGER;
GONZALES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

DISQUALIFIED: NONE

RON GONZALES
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk