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Of the

COMMITTEE ON Immigration

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16th Fl.

B E F O R E:

CARLOS MENCHACA
Chairperson
Council committee on immigration

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Denny Drum
Council Member From
Queen's

Peter Kou
Council Member From
Queen's

Eugene
Council Member

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON CARLOS: Good morning; I am Carlos Menchaca Chairman of the New York City council committee on immigration. Before going any further, I want to introduce our members of committee, who are here with us today. From Queen's, we have Council Member Deny Drum. Also from Queen's, Peter Kou. We thank them for being here today for this very, very important vote.

On January 27, 2016, the committee on immigration held a public hearing and proposed Resolution 928-A, which calls upon the United States Supreme Court to overturn the decision of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and uphold a President Obama's 2014 executive orders, which allowed for expansion of DACA Program and creation of DAPA Program for parents of US citizens or law hold permanent residence. Families across the nation live in a constant fear of being torn apart by deportation and so in light of congressional inaction on comprehensive immigration reforms, President Obama Program's would provide a much needed sense of stability and security for these families.

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2 It is believed that in New York City
3 alone over 200,000 individuals may be eligible for
4 one of these temporary relief programs. Nationwide
5 the implementation of these program would make
6 between 4 and 5 million individual for temporary
7 relief from deportation as well as work
8 authorization.

9 Many studies projects that the
10 implementation of these programs will lead to an
11 increase of 90 billion dollars in gross domestic
12 product over 10 years, however the most important
13 impact of implementing these programs will not be an
14 economic one.

15 The City of New York is deeply committed
16 to ensuring the immigrant communities live with
17 dignity and certainty that all New Yorkers regardless
18 of immigration of status have access to support of
19 services and City resources. I also want to add that
20 it is an important thing as we think about DAKA and
21 DAPA and this resolution, this is also an invitation
22 for more civic engagement.

23 We just finished our vote week on Sunday
24 through our incredibly robust and ever growing
25 participatory budgeting program, where we invite

1 every New Yorker to be part of creating a New York
2 City Council budget.

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4 In district 38, where I represent
5 historically we have had about two thirds of our vote
6 cast in chines and Spanish ballots. This is, what we
7 are talking about and for these reasons the City has
8 committed to unprecedented amounts of funds for the
9 revision of immigrant legal services through action
10 NYC keep it the city events and programs like
11 participatory budgeting.

12 It is in the interest of family unity
13 that the New York City council calls upon the United
14 States Supreme Court to rule favorably on the
15 expanded DAKA and DAPA program. Further the Council
16 ask the Congress do its job and confirm a Supreme
17 Court Justice to replace Justice Antonin Scalia, who
18 passed away earlier this year.

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20 [Spanish Language]

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22 And we will now opened it up, if any of
23 the members have any comments on this resolution, I
24 am welcoming their comments; with no comments we are
25 going to open up for vote.

2 Ricky Martin Community Clerk; we call
3 vote community on immigration resolution 928-A
4 CHAIRMAN MENCHACA.

5 CHAIRMAN MENCHACA: I would enthusiasm
6 vote, Yes.

7 DENNY DRUM: Yes, and with a request to
8 council to put me on as cosponsor and we
9 congratulations to chairman of this committee Carlos
10 Menchaca for the great job, he is doing and to
11 speaker as well. Thank You!

12 PETER KOU: Yes, and then I request to
13 put my name as cosponsor and I want to congratulate
14 Chairman Menchaca for doing this very important
15 resolution.

16 ESPAÑOLA: Yes, and I also request to put
17 my name as cosponsor on the bill and congrats the
18 chairman.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 4 votes
20 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
21 abstentions, item has been adopted.

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23 CHAIRMAN MENCHACA: Thank you all for
24 voting in affirmation of this resolution and work we
25 have in front of us and I encourage of all you at

2 home to continue to watch this and religiously sends
3 your energy to ensure that we get "Justice Served".

4 Thank You.

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6 [Pause]

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8 CHAIRMAN MENCHACA: So, we are leaving
9 the vote open for the members, who have yet to vote.

10 Thank you so much!

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12 [Pause]

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14 [Continuation]; We will call the
15 committee on immigration resolution 928-A.

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17 Council Member Eugene: I would, Aye.

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19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Final vote now stands
20 as 5 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and
21 0 abstentions.

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3 C E R T I F I C A T E

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5 World Wide Dictation certifies that the
6 foregoing transcript is a true and accurate
7 record of the proceedings. We further certify
8 that there is no relation to any of the parties
9 to this action by blood or marriage, and that
10 there is interest in the outcome of this matter.
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