

RESOLUTION NO. 85-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA,
IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTIONS FROM DEPORTATION AND A PATH TO
PERMANENT RESIDENCY LEADING TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR BENEFICIARIES
OF DACA, TPS AND DED**

WHEREAS, more than 1.1 million hardworking men and women stand to lose their temporary legal immigration status and work authorizations in this country unless Congress takes bold steps to defend Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED); and

WHEREAS, our entire workforce benefits from these programs that allow people to live and work without fear in our country, and we will all be harmed if these workers lose their status; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 DACA recipients in this country who have grown up and gone to school here. There are more than 320,000 TPS holders who have been working, paying taxes, contributing to our economy and belong to our unions. Many have lived here for decades, purchased homes and are raising families that include more than 279,000 U.S. born children under 18; and

WHEREAS, without legislative action for a firm and permanent solution, more than 300,000 TPS and DED holders could be uprooted, including those from South Sudan, Nepal, Haiti and El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, TPS is a successful program that serves important humanitarian purposes while helping to raise wages, support a stable workforce and reduce exploitation. Studies have shown that TPS holders have a workforce participation rate of 88.5 percent, with particular concentrations in construction and service industries; and

WHEREAS, terminating these protections would separate families, force workers into the shadows, and cause far-reaching harm in worksites and industries across the country. Termination of TPS would lead to an estimated \$45 billion reduction in gross domestic product, a \$69 billion reduction in tax contributions and an estimated \$1 billion in employer costs over the following year; and

WHEREAS, ending TPS protections would only serve to expand the pool of vulnerable workers in our labor market and force a growing number of immigrants and union members to work under a cloud of fear. Those retirees deserving of their social security benefits would no longer be eligible to receive them. Stripping status and work permits from long-term, taxpaying members of our society is not in the interests of working people; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives passed the Dream and Promise Act, H.R. 6, which would provide protections from deportation and a well-earned path to permanent residency to hardworking people who have played by the rules for decades; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden has proposed to Congress comprehensive immigration reform, the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, to allow all undocumented immigrants a lawful immigration status leading eventually to a path to U.S. citizenship; and

WHEREAS; senators have separately introduced the Dream Act and the Secure Act to provide DACA and TPS recipients the legal option to become lawful permanent residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond that the City of Richmond stands in solidarity with beneficiaries of DACA, TPS and DED by endorsing the Congressional bills proposing legal permanent residence and a future path to U.S. citizenship; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond urges United States Senators Diane Feinstein and Alex Padilla to do all that they can in the U.S. Senate to advance the passage of a just solution of permanent residency for DACA, TPS and DED leading eventually to a path to U.S. citizenship; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Richmond encourages all residents to contact their U.S. representative and senators to urge them to take leadership in fighting for protections from deportation and a path to permanent residency leading to U.S. citizenship for DACA, TPS and DED beneficiaries.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held July 6, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt.
NOES:	None.
ABSTENTIONS:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

TERESA STRICKER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 85-21**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 6, 2021.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond