

RESOLUTION NO. 3-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
CALLING FOR THE EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR
CURRENT RECIPIENTS, AND A NEW PATH TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond has acted as a Sanctuary City for nearly three decades and the City Council has repeatedly affirmed the city’s commitment to protecting all residentsⁱ; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, provides relief from deportation and access to a work permit for migrants who cannot safely return to their country of origin due to ongoing crises including armed conflict, natural disaster, and health epidemics, among othersⁱⁱ, and conditions in designated TPS countries remain dangerous and unsafe, such that deportation places individuals and their families at grave risk; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13768, later implemented through a memorandum by the DHS Secretary on February 20, 2017. These executive actions made virtually all immigrants subject to deportation regardless of humanitarian law, putting more than three hundred thousand (300,000) TPS holders and their families at risk; and

WHEREAS, sixteen Senators, including California Senator Kamala Harris, wrote a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly urging them to extend Temporary Protected Status for individuals from ten TPS-Designated Countriesⁱⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, TPS beneficiaries and their families have deep ties to the City of Richmond and communities across the nation, where they have started businesses, built community, bought homes, and positively contributed to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of this nation, and their deportation would result in a \$45 billion reduction to the national GDP, \$6.9 billion in lost social security and Medicare contributions, \$1 billion in turnover costs to businesses, and a projected \$3.1 billion in deportation related costs^{iv}; and

WHEREAS, an end to TPS would harm Richmond and the California Bay Area by throwing the lives of long-term residents into chaos, separating families, eliminating small businesses, damaging the social and economic fabric of our city, and undermining our local values of inclusion and protection for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Richmond requests that the Federal Government extend TPS by no less than eighteen months (18 months) for all designated countries; and

BE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond urges our State Senators to champion the extension of TPS for no less than eighteen months (18 months) for all designated countries and introduce legislation providing a path to permanent residency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond requests that both the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Federal Government work together to legislate a pathway to permanent residency for TPS beneficiaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond will continue to affirm our city’s values of inclusion, diversity, and human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Barbara Lee and Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held January 23, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Choi, Myrick, Recinos, and Chair Willis.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Martinez, Beckles, and Mayor Butt.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT

Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER

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. 3-18**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 23, 2018.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond

ⁱ Resolution 35-06 (April 18, 2006), Resolution 11-07 (February 6, 2007) and Ordinance 29-90 (August 20, 1990)

ⁱⁱ INA: ACT 244 - TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS:

<https://www.uscis.gov/ilink/docView/SLB/HTML/SLB/0-0-0-1/0-0-0-29/0-0-0-7238.html>

(a) Granting of Status.-

(1) In general.-In the case of an alien who is a national of a foreign state designated under subsection (b) (or in the case of an alien having no nationality, is a person who last habitually resided in such designated state) and who meets the requirements of subsection (c), the Attorney General, in accordance with this section-

(A) may grant the alien temporary protected status in the United States and shall not remove the alien from the United States during the period in which such status is in effect, and

(B) shall authorize the alien to engage in employment in the United States and provide the alien with an "employment authorized" endorsement or other appropriate work permit.

(2) Duration of work authorization.-Work authorization provided under this section shall be effective throughout the period the alien is in temporary protected status under this section.

ⁱⁱⁱ [Letter to the Hon. Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State and the Hon. John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security - Senators Urge U.S. Dept. Of State, U.S. Dept. Of Homeland Security to Extend Temporary Protected Status for Individuals From 10 TPS-Designated Countries](#), July 18, 2017.

[Tens of thousands of Haitian, Central American immigrants could lose protected status](#), October 20, 2017.

[Sixteen Democratic Senators Write Secretaries Rex Tillerson and John Kelly Urging them to Extend TPS for 50,000 Haitians](#), July 22, 2017.

[Letter to the Hon. Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State, the Hon. John F. Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security - Extend Temporary Protected Status for Eligible Haitian Nationals Residing in the United States](#), March 24, 2017.

^{iv} [Report by the ILRC calculates that economic losses of ending TPS for El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti Losses include cost to taxpayers, GDP reduction](#), April 19, 2017.