

INTRODUCED: 06/28/2010

REFERRED TO: Rules and Public Policy Committee

SPONSOR: Councillor Evans

DIGEST: urges the State of Arizona to repeal SB 1070, that no other state enact similar law, that the U.S. Congress consider and act expeditiously to enact comprehensive immigration reform, and that the City and County neither hold nor attend official meetings in the State of Arizona, nor enter into any new contract for goods or services with vendors situated in Arizona until the new Arizona immigration law is repealed

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Evans

Drafted by: Aaron E. Haith, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: June 23, 2010

CITY-COUNTY GENERAL RESOLUTION NO. 2010

A PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL RESOLUTION urging the State of Arizona to repeal SB 1070 immediately; that no other State enact a similar law; that the United States Congress consider and act expeditiously to enact comprehensive immigration reform; and that the City and County neither hold nor attend official meetings in the State of Arizona nor enter into any new contract for goods or services with vendors situated in Arizona until the new Arizona immigration law is repealed.

WHEREAS, our nation is in need of comprehensive immigration reform that assures due process for all, including those who enter illegally, without diminishing the rights guaranteed to all United States citizens and legal visitors to our country; and

WHEREAS, meaningful and comprehensive immigration reform will improve law enforcement without tapping unnecessarily into the treasury and still providing opportunity to those who wish to become citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, meaningful immigration reform will not make criminals of those who provide healthcare, food, shelter or education to or for immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the situation many of our cities face as well as the many undocumented immigrants in the United States is undoubtedly the result of broken and outdated immigration laws that are disconnected with the needs of this country, and many U.S. employers' desires, to attract immigrants to work here; and

WHEREAS, out of frustration with national immigration laws, communities are being forced to seek a means to address the problems as perceived to have been caused by lax legislation; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2010, SB 1070, as amended by HB 2162 was enacted in Arizona empowering/requiring police officers to detain anyone suspected of being in the United States illegally; and

WHEREAS, Arizona SB 1070 empowers citizens to sue state or local agencies for failure to enforce such provisions; and

WHEREAS, SB 1070 makes it a state crime to fail to carry immigration documents, which means that any person who is lawfully stopped and then suspected to be an undocumented immigrant may be detained for failure to present proof of citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that such provisions constitute fundamental violations of fairness and due process; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has said that SB 1070 threatens "to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish , as well as the trust between police and our communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe"; and

WHEREAS, numerous associations, unions, citizens groups, and cities have announced boycotts of the State of Arizona, with each agreeing that the ultimate remedy for misguided measures such as SB 1070 is the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform legislation by the United States of Congress;

WHEREAS, the Council urges Arizona to suspend the enforcement of SB 1070, urges other States to refrain from enacting similar legislation and finds that the City and County should not enter into any new contract for goods or services with vendors situated in Arizona until the new Arizona immigration law is repealed; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Unless or until Arizona either suspends the enforcement of SB 1070, repeals SB 1070 or makes meaningful amendments to it, the City-County Departments and agencies shall to the extent practicable, where there is no conflict or breach of existing contract and the law, refrain from extending, renewing or making new contract for goods or services from any company that is headquartered in Arizona and avoid sending City or County Officials or employees to conferences or events in Arizona.:

SECTION 2. The City-County Council requests that its elected members of the U. S. Congress and of the U. S. Senate recognize the need for federal comprehensive immigration reform and to support, with delay, the enactment of such meaningful legislation.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this ____ day of _____, 2010, at ____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Ryan Vaughn
President, City-County Council

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Melissa Thompson
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor