



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution on Creating a Pathway to Citizenship for Long-Term Undocumented Immigrants

WHEREAS, the majority of immigrants targeted for deportation during prior enforcement efforts, including under President Trump's administration, were long-term U.S. residents—many having lived in the United States for ten years or more, contributing to their communities, workplaces, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, many of the individuals detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are workers with no criminal records who are vital to various sectors of the economy, including agriculture, healthcare, hospitality, and construction; and

WHEREAS, mass deportation policies have caused the heartbreaking separation of families and the destabilization of entire communities, creating long-term psychological, social, and economic harm; and

WHEREAS, the experience of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) demonstrated that offering a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants led to improved economic outcomes—including higher incomes, increased consumption of American goods, and greater tax contributions^{b2}—stimulating growth for the U.S. economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Senator Alex Padilla's *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929* would update the outdated Registry statute of the Immigration and Nationality Act by adjusting the registry date to meet current realities, so that an immigrant may qualify to apply for lawful permanent resident status if they have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least seven years, have no disqualifying criminal history, and meet all other eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, this much-needed legislative update would offer a path to permanent residency for more than 8 million people, including Dreamers, TPS holders, children of long-term visa holders, essential workers, and highly skilled professionals like H-1B visa holders; and

WHEREAS, according to 2023 FWD.us estimates, if those covered by this legislation eventually became U.S. citizens, they would contribute approximately \$121 billion annually to the national economy and about \$35 billion in taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) strongly supports a pathway to citizenship for long-term undocumented immigrants and commends the efforts of Latino congressional representatives, especially the reintroduction of provisions under the Immigration Act of 1929. Senator Padilla's *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929* would update the existing Registry statute of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) by adjusting the Registry date to meet current circumstances so that an immigrant may qualify to apply for lawful permanent resident status if they have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least seven years before filing an application, do not have a criminal record, and meet all other current eligibility requirements to receive a green card.

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