

Resolution:

Arizona Democratic Party Endorsement of “The Utah Compact: A Declaration of Five Principles to Guide Utah’s Immigration Discussion”¹

WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party believes in promoting comprehensive – not enforcement - immigration reform through civil discourse;

WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party strives to change the tone and civility of politics in Arizona as it pertains to issues of jobs, education, families, and immigration;

WHEREAS, the Arizona Democratic Party will advocate for and assist in hosting civil conversations on immigration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona Democratic Party endorse “The Utah Compact” as stated below.

Federal Solutions Principle: Immigration is a federal policy issue between the United States government and other countries, not Utah and other countries. We urge Utah’s congressional delegation, and others, to lead efforts to strengthen federal laws and protect our national borders. We urge state leaders to adopt reasonable policies addressing immigrants in Utah.

Law Enforcement Principle: We respect the rule of law and support law enforcement’s professional judgment and discretion. Local law enforcement resources should focus on criminal activities, not civil violations of federal code.

Families Principle: Strong families are the foundation of successful communities. We oppose policies that unnecessarily separate families. We champion policies that support families and improve the health, education, and well being of all Utah children.

Economy Principle: Utah is best served by a free-market philosophy that maximizes individual freedom and opportunity. We acknowledge the economic role immigrants play as workers and taxpayers. Utah’s immigration policies must reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly state.

Free Society Principle: Immigrants are integrated into communities across Utah. We must adopt a humane approach to this reality, reflecting our unique culture, history, and spirit of inclusion. The way we treat immigrants will say more about us as a free society and less about our immigrant neighbors. Utah should always be a place that welcomes people of goodwill.