

ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REASONABLE AND HUMANE PRINCIPLES FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

A RESOLUTION endorsing the need for reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform that promotes the reunification of families, provides legal status with a path to earned citizenship, a plan for current and future worker flows, due process and civil liberty protections, and immigrant integration.

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WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform legislation to correct the failings of our immigration system, which recognizes the crucial contributions immigrants make to our nation, enables employers to legally hire needed immigrant workers, protects all workers (regardless of immigration status) from mistreatment by employers, and restores due process protections within the immigration legal system in a manner that is both cost-efficient and practical<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform would give undocumented immigrants, especially those who have been living and working in the United States an earned and secure path to citizenship, and would create legal and orderly processes for people who want to come to the United States to work; and

WHEREAS, reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform would reduce or eliminate the tremendous backlog of applications (by granting priority to the existing backlog and including protection of family reunification as a cornerstone America's immigration laws), in order to reunite effectively immigrant families who are already here and have been separated for far too long by the current legal immigration process, and to enable the development of healthy families and communities in our state by bringing immigrants out of the shadows; and

WHEREAS, reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform would respect the due process rights of all individuals in the United States, regardless of immigration status and would provide basic labor and wage protections to all immigrant workers (including the right to organize, the right to change jobs, and the right to remain with their families); and

WHEREAS, reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform would enable full integration of newcomers by providing immigrants with quality English instruction, the tools necessary for meaningful citizenship, and opportunities to move up the economic ladder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT:

The Arizona Democratic Party strongly supports reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform, which includes the elements listed here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to move quickly to pass reasonable and humane comprehensive immigration reform legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party respectfully urges President Barack Obama to sign such legislation and to ensure that his Administration promptly, fully, and fairly implements and enforces such legislation.

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Approved by the ADP State Committee, April 13, 2013

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Principles of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and the NALEO Educational Fund on a Balanced Approach to Comprehensive Immigration Reform, available at <http://tiny.cc/NALEOPrinciples> (last visited February 25, 2013).