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A RESOLUTION relating to comprehensive immigration reform and supporting Seattle's immigrant community.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Resolution No. 30355, honoring Seattle's immigrant community, and Resolution No. 30796, relating to development of an action plan to identify and address issues facing Seattle's immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Resolution No. 30672, opposing federal legislation that encourages local enforcement of civil immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has previously adopted Ordinance 121063 establishing policies of the Seattle Police Department to protect immigrants' access to police protection and public services; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the dignity of all Seattle residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2000, Seattle's foreign-born population grew by over 40% and it is estimated that by 2010 as many as 120,000 Seattle residents will be foreign born making immigration reform of crucial importance to this City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and other local jurisdictions have a major stake in just and fair comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs legislation to correct the failings of our immigration system, to recognize the crucial contributions immigrants make to our nation, to enable employers to legally hire needed immigrant workers, to protect all workers, regardless of immigration status, from mistreatment by employers, to facilitate family reunification, and to restore civil rights and civil liberties to all; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would restore the rule of law, enhance the security of the United States, reflect the core values of this nation, including fairness, equality of opportunity, and individual justice while resulting in realistic, enforceable laws; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help build healthy families and communities in our city by bringing immigrants out of the shadows, and minimize the criminalization of undocumented workers, which has severe local consequences on our city; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would remove barriers that make it difficult for immigrants to access vital local services and to actively participate in civic activities; and

1 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would give undocumented immigrants
2 who have been living and working in Seattle a path to permanent legal status and
citizenship; and

3 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would extend civil rights and equal
4 protection to all workers in the United States, and more specifically, the City of
Seattle, regardless of immigration status; and

5 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would respect the civil rights and civil
6 liberties of all individuals who reside in our city, and nation, at a time when our
7 country seeks greater national security; and

8 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help eliminate the tremendous
9 backlog in family immigration in order to effectively reunite families in Seattle and
10 nationwide and would create legal and orderly processes for people who want to
come to the United States to work; and

11 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would support our city's commitment to
12 the full integration of newcomers by providing immigrants with quality English
13 instruction, the tools necessary for meaningful citizenship, and opportunities to
move up the economic ladder; and

14 WHEREAS, punitive legislation that is not comprehensive and targets immigrants could
15 have severe local consequences, including: the division of families in our city; the
16 criminalization of socially beneficial work being performed by local agencies,
17 churches and businesses which work with undocumented workers as well as
undocumented workers themselves; the elimination of judicial review and due
18 process for valued city residents; and the undermining of trust between city
residents and their government.

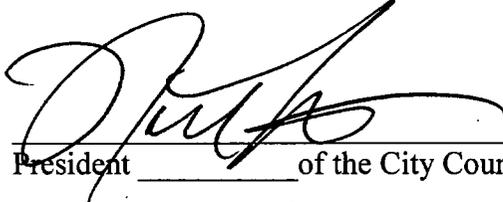
19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING THAT:**

20 The City of Seattle supports comprehensive immigration reform as set forth in
21 legislation introduced into the United States Senate by Senators John McCain of Arizona
22 and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts entitled the Secure America and Orderly
23 Immigration Act of 2005 (S.1033); and

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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to
26 the President and the members of the Washington State Congressional delegation.
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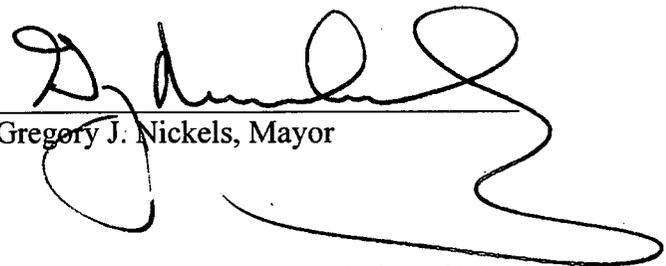
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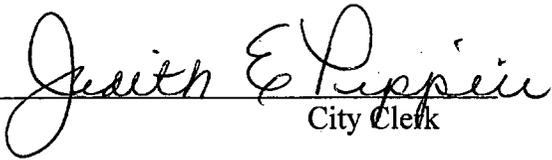
President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:



Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 13th day of March, 2006.



City Clerk

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Legislation Title:

A resolution relating to comprehensive immigration reform and supporting Seattle's immigrant community.

• **Summary of the Legislation:**

A resolution stating the City's support of comprehensive immigration reform as proposed by legislation introduced into the United States Senate by Senators John McCain of Arizona and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts entitled the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 (S.1033).

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The 2000 Census estimates that roughly 16.9% of the City of Seattle's overall population is comprised of immigrants.

The City of Seattle has previously adopted Resolution No. 30355, honoring Seattle's immigrant community, and Resolution No. 30796, relating to development of an action plan to identify and address issues facing Seattle's immigrant communities.

This resolution states the City's position with regard to comprehensive immigration reform, an issue being deliberated by the federal government. The resolution is to be transmitted to the Washington State Congressional delegation for their consideration. Other local jurisdictions including: the City of Chicago; Cook County, IL; and City of Los Angeles; among others, have adopted similar resolutions.

• *Please check one of the following:*

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7 WHEREAS, we believe in the dignity of all Seattle residents, regardless of immigration
8 status, and recognize the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious,
cultural and economic life of the City; and

9 WHEREAS, a significant proportion of Seattle's residents immigrated from abroad,
10 making immigration reform of crucial importance to this City; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs legislation to correct the failings of our
12 immigration system, to recognize the crucial contributions immigrants make to our
13 nation, to enable employers to legally hire needed immigrant workers, to protect all
14 workers, regardless of immigration status, from mistreatment by employers, to facilitate
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workers in the United States, regardless of immigration status; and

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26 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would work to eliminate the tremendous
27 backlog in family immigration in order to effectively reunite families and would create
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2 liberties of all individuals in the United States in a time when our country seeks greater
national security; and

3 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would support our city's commitment to
4 the full integration of newcomers by providing immigrants with quality English
5 instruction, the tools necessary for meaningful citizenship, and opportunities to move up
the economic ladder;

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **CITY OF SEATTLE:**

8 The City of Seattle supports comprehensive immigration reform that includes the
9 elements listed here, as set forth in legislation introduced into the United States Senate by
10 Senators John McCain of Arizona and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts entitled the
Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act of 2005 (S.1033); and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the
12 President and the members of the Washington State Congressional delegation.

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14 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2006, and
15 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of
_____, 2006.

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18 President _____ of the City Council

19 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2006.

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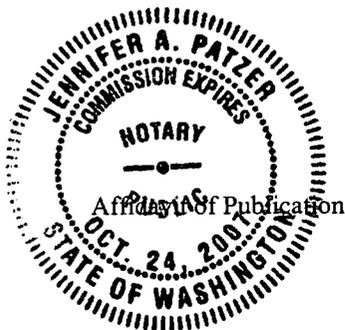
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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Notary public for the State of Washington,
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RESOLUTION NO. 30847

A RESOLUTION adopting the Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide to guide the City of Seattle's public health efforts and investments.

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