

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
A ROAD MAP TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ASPIRING AMERICANS**

WHEREAS: Every day, more than 11 million immigrant aspiring citizens contribute to our communities, our economy and our country—yet they are denied a voice in the workplace and essential rights in our society;

WHEREAS: A strong and vibrant democracy cannot function unless all men and women, regardless of their skin color or where they were born, can participate meaningfully in the political process with full rights and equal protections;

WHEREAS: The San Bernardino County Democratic Party recognizes that the way we treat new immigrants reflects our commitment to the values that define us;

WHEREAS: Working people are strongest when working together and the Democratic Party is strongest when it is open to all workers, regardless of where they come from;

WHEREAS: The creation of a road map to citizenship for aspiring Americans would improve wages and labor standards for all workers by giving immigrant workers a voice in the workplace and halting employers who take advantage of our failed immigration policies to pursue a race to the bottom;

WHEREAS: The dreams of young immigrants to have access to quality education and the hopes of millions of immigrants to reunify their families reflect core American values;

WHEREAS: The Democratic Party remains committed to working together on the side of justice for all, along with our community partners, including labor, civil rights, human rights, faith and immigrant rights organizations, to pass fundamental reform that encompasses these principles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Bernardino County Democratic Party (SBCDP), which represents the voices of more than 337 thousand Democrats in San Bernardino County, calls upon Congress to pass common-sense immigration reform that includes a practical and inclusive road map to citizenship and that reflects the principles outlined in the unified union movement’s framework for comprehensive immigration reform, “Immigration for Shared Prosperity: A Framework for Comprehensive Immigration Reform”;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: The SBCDP will continue to work with allies to promote comprehensive immigration reform based on the principles outlined in this resolution and will communicate this position to California’s congressional delegation.

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Adopted by the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee

Date

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