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Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
July 19, 2021

### **RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ENACT A BROAD PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS THROUGH BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago and the United States were founded by immigrants, who have traveled from around the world seeking a better life; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's immigration system should uphold our basic values of family, economic opportunity, and fairness; and

WHEREAS, The US is currently home to eleven million undocumented immigrants, including half a million who reside in Illinois, of which approximately 300,000 live in the City; and

WHEREAS, The current coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the importance of immigrants, including the undocumented, as "essential workers" who have sustained our City's and nation's health care system, food chain, and other vital services, often as great risk to their own - and their families' - health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, This Council has historically supported our City's immigrants and has previously called for the legalization of undocumented immigrants and other policies that welcome immigrants to this country and to our City; and

WHEREAS, Congress has an opportunity to pass, through the budget reconciliation process, a broad, inclusive pathway to citizenship for millions of essential workers and other immigrants who currently have short-term protection under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS); and

WHEREAS, Members of Illinois' Congressional delegation will play key roles in moving budget reconciliations forward and have a chance to prioritize a pathway to citizenship during budget legislation negotiations; and

WHEREAS, Even if Congress passes a legalization program through the budget reconciliation process, millions of undocumented immigrants throughout the country, and thousands in Chicago, will likely not qualify and will therefore remain vulnerable to enforcement and detention by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

WHEREAS, Congress determines the amount of funding that ICE and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) receive each year - amounts that have grown considerably over the past 20 years and that can instead go toward processing citizenship and DACA applications and other programming that benefits immigrant families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Congress can also call upon the Biden administration to take further action to protect immigrants by revising its immigration enforcement priorities to cover a narrower range of individuals and to ensure consideration of the entirety of each individual's life, rather than only looking at such individual's past criminal

or immigration violations; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of July, 2021, do hereby call upon the U.S. Congress to use the federal budget reconciliation process to create a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, to reallocate funding from ICE and CBP for immigration

enforcement to programming that supports immigrant communities including pathways to citizenship, and to urge the White House and the Department of Homeland Security to take further executive actions including narrowing and revising their immigration enforcement priorities to further shield immigrants from deportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

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33rd Ward

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35th Ward

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