

Resolution Opposing Arizona Law SB 1070 and Urging its Immediate Repeal

Whereas Senate Bill 1070 (SB 1070) was passed into law in Arizona and signed by Governor Jan Brewer on April 23, 2010, and

Whereas SB1070 requires local and state law enforcement officers in Arizona to detain and arrest anyone who may be suspected of being in the United States without proper documentation; and

Whereas SB 1070 would result in massive racial profiling and gross human rights violations; and

Whereas the City of Richmond on February 6, 2007, adopted a resolution reaffirming its support for comprehensive immigration reform that is fair, just and humane, and ordering all City employees and officers not to cooperate with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers without specific authorization of the City Manager or Police Chief; and

Whereas the City of Richmond on November 3, 2009 adopted a resolution adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as Guiding Principles and Declaring the City of Richmond to be a Human Rights City;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Richmond City Council declares its opposition to SB 1070 and calls for its immediate repeal; and

Be it further resolved that the Richmond City Council calls upon the United States Department of Justice to investigate whether SB 1070 is unconstitutional and bring a lawsuit to stop its implementation; and

Be it further resolved that the Richmond City Council prohibits City staff from travelling to or through Arizona while on City business until SB 1070 is repealed, and further directs City staff to refrain from doing business with any company based in Arizona until SB 1070 is repealed, and to terminate, where legally possible, any current City contracts with companies based in Arizona until SB 1070 is repealed; and

Be it finally resolved that the Richmond City Council directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to Governor Jan Brewer of Arizona, Attorney General Eric Holder and to our Congressional delegation: Representative George Miller and Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein.