

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060293)

## RESOLUTION

Calling on the Council of the City of Philadelphia to hold hearings on the issue of Immigration, to explore how it affects our City, and to make recommendations as to what is appropriate action to protect the residents who live within our borders.

WHEREAS, Some eleven million undocumented immigrants live and work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Immigrant and Citizenship Coalition estimates that between 60,000 and 70,000 undocumented immigrants live and work in the Philadelphia region including Latinos, Africans, Asians, Caribbeans, Irish men and women, Brazilians, Chinese community members and Indonesians; and

WHEREAS, Many of these individuals have come to America seeking the better quality of life sought by the many immigrants who came before them; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrant workers have made positive and important contributions to the U.S. and local economies by taking jobs in the construction, manufacturing and service industries that Americans would not fill; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrant workers pay taxes, support their families and contribute to communities where they live in similar fashion to that of American workers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives has passed immigration legislation, the Border Protection Act, that would criminalize being an undocumented immigrant; and

WHEREAS, The Border Protection Act would classify churches, charities, social service agencies and other groups that help these immigrants as smugglers; and

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WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the National Restaurant Association and faith and immigrant-advocacy groups support alternative legislation that ultimately would allow undocumented immigrants to become legal residents; and

WHEREAS, Criminalization and mass deportation of undocumented immigrant workers could have serious adverse affects on the Philadelphia regional economy; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Will hold hearings on the issue of Immigration, to explore how it affects our City, and to make recommendations as to what is appropriate action to protect the residents who live within our borders.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twentieth of April, 2006.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Kenney and Ramos

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Kenney, Ramos Goode, Council President Verna, Councilmembers DiCicco, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Tasco, Nutter, O'Neill, Krajewski, Clarke, Rizzo and Kelly