



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



***WHEREAS**, fixing our broken immigration system has been an urgent issue for the past decade to protect the wellbeing of our communities, economy, and nation as a whole; and*

***WHEREAS**, our immigration system has consistently been neglected by our representatives in government and that same negligence allowed the Trump administration to subject our border communities to four years of relentless persecution, racism, and xenophobia that harmed and continues to harm millions of families; and*

***WHEREAS**, this inaction has also resulted in the total lack of accountability for the serious human rights abuses carried out by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agencies and local law enforcement against immigrants and communities of color; and*

***WHEREAS**, Border Network for Human Rights' 2021 Immigration Reform Campaign is sending a message to elected officials at all levels of government, from this body, to City Council, the State Legislature, Congress, and the Biden Administration to stop kicking the can down the road; and*

***WHEREAS**, Border Network is not only outlining their demands for our border communities but provides concrete steps that ought be taken by those in power to execute them; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is time for just and inclusive reform to become a top priority of all legislative agendas so that we can achieve true justice for all of our border communities.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that we support the Border Network for Human Rights' 2021 Immigration Reform Campaign at the borderland and further support the below mentioned priorities:*

- *The introduction of fair, inclusive, and humane immigration reform package;*
- *A commitment to use executive powers to repeal the destructive immigration policies targeting immigrant families and children in the border region implemented by the Trump administration;*
- *The passage of immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for the nearly 12 million undocumented residents in the U.S., including Dreamers, DACA recipients, and TPS holders;*
- *The demilitarization of the southern border and the dismantlement of the border wall of hate;*
- *Accountability from local and federal law enforcement, including DHS agencies, for human rights violations, specifically occurring at the U.S./Mexico border;*
- *The closure of immigration detention facilities across the country; and*
- *The reunification of families who were separated due to cruel and unjust immigration policies.*

***SIGNED**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020*

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*Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1*

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*Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2*

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*Commissioner Vincent M. Perez, Pct. 3*

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*Commissioner Carl L. Robinson, Pct. 4*

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*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge*