

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM OPPOSING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13769 AND REAFFIRMING OUR VALUES OF KINDNESS AND COMPASSION IN SUPPORTING POLICIES THAT AFFIRM CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;”

WHEREAS, the United States was established by immigrants who fled religious persecution and continue to thrive as a nation of immigrants;

WHEREAS, the City of Anaheim honors and respects its immigrant roots and continues to be a city that welcomes and celebrates diversity;

WHEREAS, Anaheim is home to Africans, Arabs, Asians, Black Americans, Europeans, Indigenous people, Latinos, Middle Easterners, South Asians, immigrants, refugees, Muslims and people of all faiths, who live, work, and have established businesses throughout the city;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13769: “Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States,” issued on January 27, 2017, suspended all refugee admissions for 120 days, barred entry of all travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries: Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Somalia for a period of 90 days, and suspended the Syrian refugee program indefinitely;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order has disparately impacted refugees fleeing political, social, and religious persecution in their own countries and Muslim American citizens, Green Card and Visa holders, including local residents and business owners in Anaheim;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order led to the detention without legal counsel of hundreds of travelers, causing chaos, confusion, deep anxiety, and hardship for businesses and individuals, including children and families, in and outside of the aforementioned seven countries including residents of Anaheim, people of all faiths, races, national origins, and backgrounds;

WHEREAS, a revised version of the Executive Order barring travelers from six Muslim-majority countries: Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Iran, Libya, and Somalia, and suspending refugee admissions for 120 days, was signed on Monday, March 6, 2017 and took effect starting Thursday, March 16, 2017;

WHEREAS, the City of Anaheim has previously passed Resolution 2015-264 urging the President of the United States to increase the number of Syrian refugees in order to preserve their lives and dignity, and to stand in solidarity with immigrant communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Anaheim prides itself on its diversity of faiths, cultures, and backgrounds that have greatly contributed to the civic, economic, and social fabric of the city;

WHEREAS, Anaheim is a city of kindness and compassion and embraces honor, respect, and dignity for all;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANAHEIM, hereby:

1. Affirms the religious pluralism of the City of Anaheim, and expresses solidarity with immigrants, refugees, and Muslims who have been targeted because of their national origin, ethnicity, race and/or religion;
2. Encourages the Administration to rescind Executive Orders that have a disparate impact on local communities because they marginalize groups based on their national origin, ethnicity, race, and/or religion and run contrary to the United States Constitution and our American values;
3. Opposes laws and policies designed to instill a rhetoric of fear in residents of Anaheim;
4. Reaffirms its support for local measures and policies that affirm constitutionally protected civil and legal rights, and ensure that those targeted on the basis of religion, national origin, ethnicity, race or immigration status can turn to their local government without fear of recrimination;
5. Reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of communities composed of multiple cultures, and the inalienable rights of every person to live and practice their faith without fear.

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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Anaheim this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CITY OF ANAHEIM

By \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM