



City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: March 25, 2024

Requester: CM Benavente

Agenda Item Title: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN FAY

Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Anticipated Funding Source: N/A

City Department(s) Support Requested: City manager's office

Estimated Staff Time Required: 0

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: April 1 2024

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

- Goal II
- Goal V
- Goal VI

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What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

This is an effort born out of the Governor Roy Cooper's Advisory Council for Hispanic and Latino Affairs' recent resolution seeking to provide some response to the recent attacks and violence against immigrant communities. They are working across the state to pass these resolutions and would love to include Fayetteville on the list.

Carrboro has passed it; Chapel Hill, and Durham will be reviewing at their next work session. Former Rep. Ricky Hurtado, Chair of Gov. Coopers Advisory Council for Hispanic, and/or Latino Affairs or Cristina España, the Deputy Director for DEI at the office of the Governor, are hoping to receive the resolution along with any local members of the Advisory Council in person.

Additional Comments:

Attached Draft Resolution

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN FAYETTEVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville recognizes the vital role that immigrants of all countries have played and continue to play in the growth, diversity, and prosperity of our community; and

WHEREAS, our town upholds the values of inclusivity, equity, and justice as cornerstones of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville is a welcoming community and prides itself on being a Place for Everyone; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between immigrant communities and local law enforcement is essential for the safety and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to municipal services, education, and opportunities for civic engagement for all residents, regardless of immigration status, is essential to the fabric of our town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fayetteville that the Council:

- Commits to fostering a welcoming environment for all immigrants living in, working in, and contributing to our City.
- Supports local initiatives to provide all residents with access to municipal services, including various forms of education, and law enforcement protection, regardless of immigration status.
- Empowers and encourages law enforcement officials to intentionally foster trust and cooperation with our diverse immigrant communities.
- Encourages the community to engage in dialogue and cultural exchange to bolster mutual understanding and respect among all residents of Fayetteville.