



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Valerie Kushnerov, Community Relations Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing the Zero-Tolerance Policy of Family Separation

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider adopting the resolution entitled, "Opposition to the Federal Government's Zero-Tolerance Policy of Forcible Family Separation."

BACKGROUND:

Two organizations, The Democratic Women of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, recently contacted City Council members to ask that the City Council issue an immediate declaration calling up the Trump Administration to permanently rescind its zero-tolerance policy of the cruel and immoral practice of forcible separation of children and infants from their parents or guardians. This policy has the effect of separating parents from their children when they enter the country together, because parents are referred for prosecution and the children are placed in the custody of a sponsor, such as a relative or foster home, or held in a shelter.

Mayor Paula Perotte and Councilmember Kyle Richards asked that this item come to the City Council for consideration of the organizations' requests.

DISCUSSION:

If the Council wishes to make a statement on this issue and approve the resolution, a letter with a copy of the resolution can be sent to the Trump Administration and appropriate departments as well as our Federal elected officials and a press release can be sent.

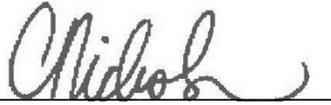
FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

ALTERNATIVES:

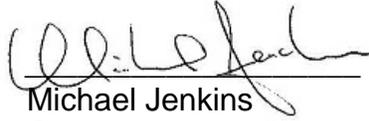
Council may also choose to take no action on this request. In addition, councilmembers can send individual letters or make individual statements on this matter if they choose.

Reviewed By:



Carmen Nichols
Deputy City Manager

Legal Review By:



Michael Jenkins
City Attorney

Approved By:



Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

- 1: Resolution "Opposition to the Federal Government's Zero-Tolerance Policy of Forcible Family Separation"

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Resolution "Opposition to the Federal Government's Zero-Tolerance Policy of Forcible Family Separation"

RESOLUTION NO. 18-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY OF FORCIBLE FAMILY SEPARATION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Goleta opposes the Federal Government's Zero-Tolerance Policy of Forcible Family Separation. This policy has the effect of separating parents from their children when they enter the country together, because parents are referred for prosecution and the children are placed in the custody of a sponsor, such as a relative or foster home, or held in a shelter; and

WHEREAS, we believe that this unnecessary separation is cruel and immoral and causes traumatic effects on children and families; and

WHEREAS, it is important for local communities to stand up for the thousands of innocent victims of this this practice being inflicted by the federal government, and in particular, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR); and

WHEREAS, we believe the United States, which was once regarded as a model of democracy, a place of unlimited opportunity, and a refuge in times of trouble, is not acting in accordance with the principals and policies under which our nation was established; and

WHEREAS, we urge our federal leaders to return to the ideals and vision established by our nation's founders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Goleta hereby opposes the Federal Government's Zero-Tolerance Policy of Forcible Family Separation.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 2018.

PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-__ was duly adopted
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the ___ day
of _____, 2018 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK