

**RESOLUTION No.**

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Declare support for the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act – DREAM Act (Resolution)

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 million children who were born outside the U.S., raised and educated in this country with no legal status, hold American values, know only the U.S. as home, and have the same dreams, goals and aspirations as other American children; and

WHEREAS, many of these children came to the United States due to their parents' actions and did not take part in any decision to come to this country; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has determined that every state has a constitutional obligation to provide free public primary and secondary education, including the assurance of meaningful access to higher education, to all children residing within their borders regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, 65,000 undocumented students graduate every year from high school and are unable to work, drive, or attend college; and

WHEREAS, the lack of legal immigration status condemns these students to underemployment and instability and to unfulfilled potential; and

WHEREAS, undocumented students face overwhelming obstacles to accessing higher education, such as ineligibility for federal financial aid and having to pay out-of-state tuition in order to attend state universities despite their long-term residency within our country; and

WHEREAS, access to higher education will allow these students to reach their full potential by raising their level of esteem and making full contributions to our country's civic, political and economic well-being; and,

WHEREAS, Portland-based Graham Street Productions and El Grupo Juvenil, in association with Film Action Oregon, produced the documentary "Papers," in an effort to raise awareness about the challenges undocumented youth face as they turn 18 without legal status; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act is a bipartisan legislative effort to address this problem, supported by Senators Merkley and Wyden and Congressmen Blumenauer and Wu; and

WHEREAS the DREAM Act would allow most students with good moral character who came to the U.S. at age 15 or younger and meet certain security requirements to qualify for conditional permanent resident status upon acceptance to college, graduation from a U.S. high school, or receipt of a GED, with the opportunity to pursue legal permanent resident status; and

WHEREAS, Portland area students impacted by this legislation will have the opportunity to graduate from high school and college, fully contribute to the community and reach their highest

potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portland fully supports the passage of the DREAM Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Portland urges Oregon's Senators, and members of the House of Representatives to support the DREAM Act, and to encourage the President of the United States and other Congresspersons and Senators to vote for this legislation.

Adopted by the Council: OCT 14 2009

Mayor Sam Adams  
Commissioner Nick Fish  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Prepared by: Carmen Rubio  
Date Prepared: October 8, 2009

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Mayor Commissioner/Auditor: Adams, Cmmrs. Fish and Fritz	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>OCT 08 2009</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	<p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u>Susan Parsons</u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	
Position 4/Safety - Leonard	
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Bureau Head:	
Prepared by: Sonia Schmanski Date Prepared: 10/8/2009	
Financial Impact Statement	
Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date <b>10/14/2009</b>	
City Attorney Approval	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<u>TIME CERTAIN</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____
Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
<u>CONSENT</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>REGULAR</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: <u>20</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	_____	
Adams	Adams	✓	