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## Resolution: To support immigration reform

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- 8/14/19: Minor updates made during 8/14 EC meeting, approved by EC
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- 8/3/19: Submitted to Resolution Committee for feedback
- 7/10/19: Intent to create a resolution raised on the July EC meeting, see "2019 Boulder County Democrats Immigration Statement" section in <a href="http://bcdp.co/20190710-ECMM">http://bcdp.co/20190710-ECMM</a> meeting minutes.

## A resolution regarding immigration and immigrant rights in the United States

**Whereas,** Democrats affirm that all people within the borders of United States and its protectorates are entitled to the guarantees and protections outlined in the United States Constitution and, per the protections allowed by the 4th and 5th Amendment to the Constitution we work to ensure that our neighbors are "…secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures…";

Whereas, Democrats recognize the legal right, under U.S. immigration law, of refugees to seek asylum in the United States;

Whereas, Democrats are adamantly opposed to separation of children from their parents or other family members as is occurring routinely under the current administration for persons seeking asylum at the southern border of the United States;

Whereas, Democrats work to protect the "rights relevant to both criminal and civil legal proceedings" of all persons in the United States, regardless of their identity and status;

**Whereas,** the Boulder County Democratic Party values empathy and believes that all people in our community are treated equitably and fairly under the law regardless of identity or status (this is largely from the CO Dem Platform);

Whereas, the Boulder Democratic Party stands against the hatred and bigotry we are witnessing in our country and stands in unity to defend and protect our immigrant neighbors;

**Whereas,** the Boulder County Democrats support immigrants in Boulder County who are impacted by unjust deportation policies by referring them to legal assistance and providing them with information about their rights and protections;

Whereas, the Boulder County Democratic Party recognizes the full and equal status of immigrants, undocumented or otherwise, as members of the Boulder County Community;

**Whereas,** the Boulder County Democratic Party abhors the atrocities at our nation's southern border and seeks an immediate solution from our elected officials to halt the unlawful raids by ICE agents across the country;

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**Whereas,** the Boulder County Democratic Party supports the undocumented youth in our community in their pursuit of an education, gainful employment, and the many other ways they contribute to their families and the community they grew up in; and

**Whereas,** the Boulder County Democratic Party recognizes and encourages the essential role that members of the immigrant community have played in the economic development of our community, and the rich social, religious, and cultural contributions they have shared, and we urge all citizens to treat those people who come to the United States with dignity and respect and we always seek to embrace — not to attack — immigrants.

**Therefore,** be it resolved that the Boulder County Democratic Party calls on our state and local elected officials to prohibit Colorado state and municipal resources to be used in conjunction with ICE and other any other Federal agency in the separation of families and detention of asylum seekers and immigrants. We also call upon our Colorado Congressional Delegation to tour ICE and CBP detention facilities, in Colorado or elsewhere, and to use their national platforms to continue to shed light upon the human rights abuses perpetrated by our Federal Government. It should be considered of paramount importance to the Central Committee of the Boulder County Democratic Party that our elected officials support immigrant rights issues and will make it a priority to craft comprehensive and just immigration legislation.

Finally, we resolve to use party resources to disseminate informational documents regarding the rights of immigrants throughout the county in order to help our neighbors protect themselves and their families.

Know Your Rights Family Preparedness <u>¿Es ustedun inmigrante?</u> <u>¿Tiene hijos?</u>