



Resolution #18-01

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS TO ATTACK THE CALIFORNIA VALUES ACT

WHEREAS, Orange County's immigrant population is a source of strength in our community and a driver of economic growth and ingenuity;

WHEREAS, all of Orange County's residents deserve equal access without fear to government and social services, including schools, libraries, hospitals, city government, and the court system;

WHEREAS, local law enforcement's cooperation with federal immigration authorities and policing of residents' immigration status weakens public safety by chilling the willingness of minorities and immigrants to report crimes or provide evidence to the police and prosecutors;

WHEREAS, Orange County's fiscal resources are best spent addressing pressing local needs rather than pursuing political agendas driven by out-of-state interest groups;

WHEREAS, SB 54, the California Values Act, conserves local resources, promotes public safety, and seeks to ensure that all of our neighbors may participate in our communities without fear;

WHEREAS, at the April 4, 2018 Aliso Viejo City Council meeting, 40 residents spoke in favor of the California Values Act and only 13 residents spoke in favor of the council's actions; and

WHEREAS, our members were harassed, threatened, and belittled by out-of-state anti-immigrant activists, including from the Political Movement AZ and known hate group Federation for American Immigration Reform at said meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club condemns the votes of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Aliso Viejo City Council to waste civic resources by intervening in the Trump administration's lawsuit against California;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club calls upon all of our local elected officials to respect the voices of their constituents, rather than those of out-of-state agitators, and to stand in support of our immigrant neighbors regardless of their legal status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board shall deliver this resolution to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Aliso Viejo City Council, the Laguna Niguel City Council, and such other local elected officials and media outlets as the Board deems appropriate.

Adopted by the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club at its April 16, 2018 General Meeting