

May 25, 2010

Dear Mayor Johnson and City Council Members,

I am here to encourage the condemnation Arizona's SB 1070. I believe it is unconstitutional and violates the civil rights of all Americans. Instead of promoting effective and fair approaches to the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws, it perpetuates a climate of fear and hatred toward targeted groups who reside in what we call the "salad bowl of the world".

As a community leader, who is interested in the area of Education, I want to illustrate how SB 1070 has begun to change how our children are educated. The Governor of Arizona, with the support and encouragement of Arizona's Head of Schools, has signed a bill that removes Ethnic Studies from school curriculums. Why are ethnic studies important? It creates opportunities for a people to expand their knowledge and gain understanding of different cultures and histories. The eradication of stories and the people of our rich history have been going on for far too long. First, it was the Indigenous Peoples of America, that some call Indians, who were targeted; before and after slavery was abolished, those of African descent and their heirs; and something similar for other later immigrants, the Irish Catholics, Italians, Polish, Jews, Chinese and others followed as other immigrants who simply came to a new land, like the Pilgrims, to begin a new life in the pursuit of Life, Liberty and Happiness. Misdirected and malicious legislation is not helping to answer the problems we face in the local and national sector today. A deeply flawed piece of legislation is not the way to accomplish what we want: fair and humane treatment of ALL individuals, regardless of race or immigration status.

I ask each of you: Where is the line drawn to indicate that enough is enough regarding the use of such tactics? In regards to the great potential for profiling, it seems that if it's not one segment of the population being impacted by such tactics, it's another. It is time for working together to achieve great things. Great minds come in all shapes, forms, and especially colors. Let's work toward the future where we can see individuals of every ethnic background achieve goals and produce great results. In turn, we will profit by continuing to have a prosperous country which will be innovative and strong with knowledgeable and talented workers.

To end, I ask you to please take a strong stand to condemn SB1070 and to consider supporting a boycott to Arizona's economy. If we don't stand together now, we only encourage the vicious cycle of unpleasant tension to continue.

Sincerely,



Diana Rodriguez  
Sacramento Community Leader

Item #25



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May 20, 2010

Mayor Kevin Johnson

United Latinos Promoviendo Acción Cívica is an organization composed of local Latino community members from different walks of life with one aim in mind: to improve the political participation of the Latino community.

We are deeply concerned with the recent signing of Arizona's law SB 1070 and see it as a direct attack against all Latinos in the U.S and part of an organized xenophobic campaign against all immigrants, a campaign likely to produce further problems and an increase in the immigrants' fear of the authorities.

We are also concerned about your recent decision opposed to taking any action against such law including a possible economic boycott because as you stated such a boycott would cause economic damage to that region.

Mr. Johnson, as you are well aware, the boycott is one of the few tools at the disposal of those fighting for the rights of the underprivileged, and the economic damage it produces is precisely its intended aim; from the city buses of Birmingham Alabama to the agricultural fields of California, historical icons such as Martin Luther King and Cesar Chavez have used the boycott to bring about justice and change.

It is time our beloved city follows the path of other entities and governments by sending a clear message to the Arizona authorities and as the Mayor of this very diverse city we are asking you to stand in solidarity with us and deliver this message.

Sincerely yours,

Mauricio E. Leiva  
President

cc: City Council  
Executive Board



5/25/10

To the Sacramento City Council:

**Latino Social Work Network**, a Sacramento Affiliate, asks that as longtime constituents residing citywide, myself in the District 1, **demand that you declare and oppose the Arizona law SB1070**, and that all travel, conferences, sports events, studies, and business practices involving working with Arizona be immediately stopped.

**-LSWN demands that you cease and desist** from contributing financially to the State of Arizona, and that none of our Tax dollars be spent there in any way.

**-LSWN demands that you make a stand and officially condemn this Arizona law** and stand with us as we join ACLU, MALDEF, NAACP, NILC, APALC, NDLON, in recognizing this law as being unconstitutional, as being un-American, and lawfully defying the Federal power and authority.

**-LSWN demands that you make a stand on providing and assuring equal protection** to us the Mexican Nationals and US citizens, residing in this City of Sacramento,

**-LSWN demands that you join these civil rights organizations, and take a proactive stance against this Arizona law that infringes on the right of free speech** to day laborers and all others.

**-LSWN opposes this harassment, investigation and arrest** let us recognize it for what it is, is a violation of Federal law

**-LSWN demands that the Sacramento City Council openly proclaim Sacramento** as a fair community, of assuring that our City police as being committed to providing equal protection to all it's city constituents, and therefore helping the public defend their First Amendment rights in Federal Courts.

Let us show America, that in Arizona declaring their State Law of SB1070, have erected a program of fear and hatred. And, we ARE an educated community of strength and Equal Rights for all.

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Arizona Immigration Issue

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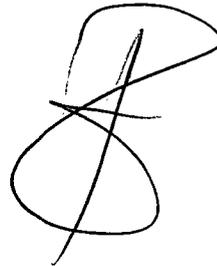
Sacramento City Council

America is a land of immigrants. Many ethnic communities have faced harsh discriminatory practices as a result of past policies based on ethnic heritage. Recently, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed into law, SB 1070, which will result in further increases in discriminatory practices by allowing police officers to detain anyone based on the suspicion that they are an Undocumented alien. Even law enforcement within her state are complaining and arguing that without guidelines as to what constitutes an appropriate detainment, the law is unenforceable

This law allows for facial discriminatory practices based on color and to a lesser extent language, because only certain types of minorities will be subjected to the requirement to prove that they are here legally. Currently, no one is required to prove that they are lawfully in the United States. No US citizen is required to carry papers that they are lawfully in the United States, therefore, if one is "suspected" of illegal entry into the US, how does one prove that to the contrary?

Arizona's anti-immigrant law will have a negative impact on all communities of color, including those who are US citizens or legal permanent residents, by fueling discriminatory practices and debilitating trust between immigrants and law enforcement.

The protection of this country's borders is the responsibility of the US Government. SB 1070 demonstrates the urgent need for immigration reform on a comprehensive federal level. A need for comprehensive immigration reform legislation critically exists to prevent the onslaught of further harmful state legislation. The US is in danger of slipping back to the days of racial profiling and illegal discrimination by the state. We must move forward together to create a society where all can live in peace and harmony, and refrain from creating a society where people, lawful or illegal, fear to live.



Item 25

**Good evening** Ladies and Gentleman.

**My name is Sabrina Aragon**

**I would** like to thank you all for taking the time, so that we can create a **response** that will cause an impression into the Hearts and Minds of the Government of Arizona, that they must reverse their ill attempts to depress our people because of our God given pigmentation.

**Efforts** made to socially filter out a certain group, clearly shows that the State of Arizona disregards historical lessons learned, from the Horrific Holocaust and forced migration of our Native Brothers and Sisters; also, the fight from bondage of our African Brothers and Sisters, and The Civil Rights Movement of the Sixties.

**It** may have been along time ago, but the memory lives on through the spirits, and those spirits don't want this anguish to be relived.

**The pain** is a reminder of survival, not a path to be revisited.

**Let us** be wise, and learn from history.

**I will look back** on your decisions, and actions taken about the Arizonas Social Profiling Law. If you must, go against the grain, and do what is right.

**We must not** assimilate, or ignore the behavior of Arizona's Government.

Let us **shine the light of Hope and Love** onto those that need it the most.

**It is** our social responsibility to identify the wrong, and help them get back on track.

**This** type of challenge will define our true colors as Californians.

**"We are of one race, The Human Race.**

Everything else is ethnicity."

Thank You.

**SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION DENOUNCING SB 1070 AND HB 2162 – ARIZONA’S UNLAWFUL ATTEMPT TO PERFORM IMMIGRATION DUTIES IN VIOLATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL LAW, BY INVITING THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC PROFILING OF U.S. CITIZENS, LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND OTHERS WHO ARE NOT PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND ARIZONA-BASED BUSINESSES.**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has historically supported policies that prohibit discrimination based on race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation and disability and has been proclaimed the most “diverse and integrated” city in the United States;**

**WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento, as the State Capitol of California, has been a leader in promoting racial and ethnic equality and the elimination of bias consistent with federal and state law, including the U.S. and California Constitutions;**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature of Arizona passed SB 1070 and HB 2162 that will require local and state police officers to detain and arrest anyone who is suspected of being unlawfully present in the United States;**

**WHEREAS, these laws will allow the police to charge immigrants with a state crime for not carrying immigration documents; will create a private right of action to sue cities and counties upon the belief that the local government has a policy that restricts immigration law enforcement; and will make it a crime for a person to stop on a public street to attempt to hire a temporary worker in violation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;**

**WHEREAS, SB 1070 and HB 1262 will lead to racial profiling, jeopardize public safety, and create distrust between law enforcement and ethnic communities;**

**WHEREAS, these laws have been denounced by civic and political leaders, law enforcement, hundreds of community organizations and Mayors and City Councils throughout California, including former Sacramento City Council Member and current President Pro Tem of the California State Senate, Darrell Steinberg, who has poignantly written: *“The Arizona law is as unconscionable as it is unconstitutional, and the state of California should not be using taxpayer dollars to support such a policy. The regulation of immigration is exclusively the province of the federal government, and the Arizona law threatens to undermine basic civil liberties guaranteed to all Americans – regardless of immigration status. By effectively authorizing law enforcement to arrest and interrogate anybody they believe looks ‘different’, no person in Arizona can feel assured that they will be able to live their lives freely.”***

**WHEREAS, the people targeted by these laws are not strangers. These laws are expected to intimidate local gardeners, nannies, nurses, home care workers, and numerous people in various trades occupations. And it will not stop there. It will intimidate college students, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and engineers. Everyone who looks Latino, whether citizens, permanent residents, temporary visa holders, or undocumented, will become primary targets under these unjust laws; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the City of Sacramento expresses its strong opposition to the Arizona laws known as SB 1070 and HB 1262 for the reasons stated above;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED: That until Arizona repeals SB 1070 and HB 1262, the City of Sacramento directs its departments, consistent with federal law, to: (1) not send City officials**

or employees to conferences in Arizona, (2) to refrain from entering into new or amended contracts to purchase goods or services from any company that is headquartered in Arizona; and (3) to review existing contracts for the purchase of goods and services with companies headquartered in Arizona and to explore opportunities to discontinue those contracts consistent with the terms of those contracts and principles of fiscal responsibility;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Sacramento encourages citizens, businesses, churches, schools, civic organizations, associations, and others in the City, to boycott the State of Arizona and Arizona-based companies until Arizona repeals SB 1070 and HB 1262; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby directs the City Clerk to send this resolution to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and a copy of the same to the Senate President and House Speaker of the Arizona Legislature.