

Resolution to Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2013 CFA passed resolutions in support of comprehensive immigration reform and the Dream Act, siding with those who seek a more equitable, humane and dignified policy for all immigrants, and

WHEREAS, CFA reaffirms that immigration, regardless of status, is a human right,

WHEREAS, CFA has, historically and traditionally, championed equity, access and affordability in higher education and has passionately defended the rights of immigrant students and faculty,

WHEREAS, CFA has consistently worked with organized labor and community organizations and recognizes that the treatment of new immigrants is a reflection of the democratic values that define us,

WHEREAS, CFA supports a viable and humane roadmap to citizenship that would improve wages and labor standards for all workers, including our farmworkers, by giving them a voice in the workplace and halting employers who take advantage of our failed immigration policies to pursue a race to the bottom,

WHEREAS, CFA sees state policing and state-sanctioned violence and separation of families as intersectional we promote the use of Defund Campus Police and Abolishing ICE as interconnected spaces for advocacy work.

RESOLVED, that CFA supports a carefully constructed path to citizenship for our students and their families and all immigrant groups including all genders & sexualities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CFA reaffirms our support for fair comprehensive immigration reform now; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CFA supports immediate protections, starting with the reinstatement and expansion of Temporary Protected Status (TPS); and be it further

RESOLVED, that CFA demands a moratorium on enforcement; the release of immigrants held in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) detention camps and their closure; and the right of people to come home who have been deported; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as part of CFA Statement of Anti-Racism and Social Justice Demands, our Union urges the defunding of ICE and CBP and police, including the end to collaboration between these forces; and be it further

RESOLVED, consistent with said commitment, we also oppose the presence of ICE, for any reason, on or near any CSU campus, and oppose the CBP on our campuses for recruitment fairs, or any other event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a union committed to anti-racism and social justice we demand fully funding and appropriately resourcing of Dream Centers on our campuses to provide the services needed to support our undocumented and students from mixed-status families; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express publicly our support of HR6, the bill introduced in 2021 that offers a pathway to citizenship for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, and all immigrant groups; and be if further

RESOLVED, in alignment with our anti-racism work, CFA supports the New Way Forward Act (2021). This legislation will dismantle the prison to deportation pipeline and challenge deeply embedded racism in immigration laws and includes overturning the illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA) and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), which are harmful immigration laws that increased racial profiling and the disproportionate incarceration, deportation, and destruction of families of color and immigrant and refugee communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the California Faculty Association will work with organized labor and community organizations and wherever possible, will actively engage in voter registration campaigns and mobilization efforts on a local, state and national level directed at securing rights for immigrant students and their families.

Presented by the CFA Immigration Taskforce Endorsed by Chicanx/Latinx Caucus Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans Caucus Teacher Education Caucus CFA Council of Chapter Presidents Membership and Organizing Committee LGBTQIA+ Caucus Council for Race and Social Justice