

LGBTQ EXECUTIVE EXPANSION OF DACA

Whereas: Congressional Republicans have continued to block all efforts to pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform, resulting in the continued destruction of families due to the record number of deportations, the torture of solitary confinement (including against transgender and gender non conforming immigrants) and ICE holds which encourage local police to even further target LGBTQ people of color for arrest and deportation, and

Whereas: According to the Williams Institute, there are more than 267,000 undocumented LGBTQ people living in the US, all of whom need relief regardless of age, criminal record, race, country of origin or parental status and additionally, people who are HIV Positive, pregnant and/or LGBTQ require critical health needs that cannot be met while in detention, and

Whereas: This relief can come from President Obama ordering changes in the current enforcement policies and practices of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Be it therefore resolved: That the DPOC does hereby demand the expansion of DACA to the fullest extent of the law, the end of all programs involving law enforcement and ICE collaboration, the elimination of the use of Solitary Confinement in all detention centers and the expansion of access to medical and mental health care to all vulnerable populations, and

Be it further resolved: That the DPOC commends Congressman Mark Takano (D-Riv) and the Congressional Equality Caucus for their recent statement calling for an Executive Order On Immigration and does hereby call on all California Democratic officeholders and candidates to publicly support both LGBTQ Executive Expansion of DACA as well as the passage of Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

Respectfully submitted by DPOC LGBT Caucus Co-Chairs
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