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Staff Report

ITEM 4-4

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Jeff Laws, City Manager 
Date: August 28, 2014 **Meeting Date:** September 2, 2014
Subject: Immigration Reform – Resolution 2014-25

Discussion:

Council Member Willard Rodarmel requested a resolution be brought before you in regards to the current immigration crisis. City Attorney Avedisian drafted the attached resolution for your consideration.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Should City Council decide to proceed, by motion, approve Resolution 2014-25 relating to the Current Immigration Crisis.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
RELATING TO THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION CRISIS**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on September 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and carried that the following Resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the United States is currently facing a serious and ongoing immigration crisis with an increasing number of persons entering the United States illegally, including in recent months approximately 57,000 unaccompanied minors according to the Pew Research Center; and

WHEREAS, California has a disproportionately high number of undocumented persons currently living within its borders, and the number of deportations of such persons continues to rise with devastating consequences to families and California communities, including the City of Lemoore; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has debated but failed to enact immigration reform, including securing the borders of the United States, despite the current immigration crisis and its effects on California communities, including the City of Lemoore; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is currently seeking housing for undocumented persons in California communities, and the Governor recently stated that California is willing to house more undocumented persons if needed; and

WHEREAS, the current immigration crisis presents significant challenges to California communities, including the City of Lemoore, regarding the delivery of essential services, including medical, law enforcement, judicial, and educational; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore wishes to see action by the United States Congress that will address such challenges, and which will provide a humanitarian solution to the current immigration crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, HEREBY IT BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lemoore as follows:

1. Based upon the high number of undocumented persons currently living within the borders of California, the failure of the United States Congress to address the current immigration crisis, and the devastating consequences to families and California communities as a result thereof, the City of Lemoore hereby disapproves of the efforts of

the federal government to house undocumented persons, including minors, within California communities, and of the Governor's solicitations and state efforts regarding the same.

2. The City of Lemoore hereby calls upon the United States Congress and the federal government to affirmatively address the current immigration crisis by providing a humanitarian solution that will benefit families and California communities, including the City of Lemoore, and laments inaction by the federal government regarding this crisis.

3. The City Clerk shall cause copies of this Resolution to be sent to President Barack Obama, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and U.S. Representatives David Valadao, Devin Nunes, Kevin McCarthy, and Jim Costa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lemoore at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of September 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor