



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5073**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATEMENT OF  
PRINCIPLES FOR IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION**

**PASSED: 7:0**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSENT: Clark**

**CONSIDERED: November 13, 2012**

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**The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:**

With the historic and ongoing arrival of immigrants to our community, we recognize the growing diversity that has occurred in Lane County. As leaders in business, education, government, labor, law enforcement, social services, faith-based, and community organizations, we value the economic, social, cultural, and civic contributions that immigrants have made and are continuing to make in building stronger and more vibrant communities. In an effort to create a more welcoming environment for our immigrant neighbors and promote a more thoughtful public dialogue about immigration, the City Council desires to affirm principles for immigrant integration.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council affirms the following statement of principles for immigrant integration:

**A. Committing to Inclusion and Integration.** Our economic, social, and civic success as twenty-first century communities hinges on our ability to help immigrants become fully involved in all aspects of community life. We recognize that successful integration is a two-way process in which immigrants and all communities work together to achieve common goals.

**B. Recognizing the Contributions of all Immigrants to our Society.** For many generations, immigrants have come to the United States seeking better futures for themselves and their families. Their financial and cultural activities have enriched our communities. We value immigrants' historic and contemporary contributions as business owners, workers, consumers, taxpayers, civic leaders, artists and craftspeople.

**C. Supporting Immigrant Families.** The family is a vital source of strength and security for immigrants and the foundation for a strong, vibrant community. We endorse community-based organizations, programs, and policies that strengthen and support immigrant families and their children, especially in the areas of education, health, and employment.

**D. Promoting Respect and Non-Discrimination.** We commit to creating a community that respects the human right of all members of our society to be free from discrimination. We deplore all forms of racism, bigotry, or acts of harassment that are directed at any person, regardless of their country of origin or legal status. The rights of immigrants as workers and community members should be recognized and respected as a matter of both law and morality.

**E. Affirming a Common Sense Approach to Public Safety and Community Partnerships.** In keeping with Oregon state law (ORS 181.850), we believe that public safety resources are best focused on the prevention of criminal activity and the protection of community members. Public safety is enhanced when law enforcement officials cultivate relationships of trust with all members of the community, including immigrants, regardless of legal status.

**F. Advancing Humane and Just National Comprehensive Immigration Reform.** National immigration policy needs to be addressed at the federal level. We encourage local elected officials and other community leaders in Lane County to support all efforts to achieve comprehensive federal immigration reform that makes our nation's immigration policies more consistent, just, and humane.

**Section 2.** This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.**

*Beth Forrest*  
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City Recorder