



The University of Kansas

STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION ASKING THE CITY OF LAWRENCE TO DISCLOSE ITS SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states, “The Student Senate shall work to build a vital and thriving University community encompassing students, faculty, staff and administration” and “work to represent students at all levels as a part of University Governance,” and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations further states “The Student Senate shall work to represent students on university, local, state, national, and international levels to further these goals”; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states, “The Student Senate shall work to ensure that the learning opportunities at KU are open to all students without exception. This includes but is not limited to: race, religion, sex, gender identity and expression,

36 color, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital or
37 parental status, socioeconomic status and to the extent specified by law, age or veteran status,”
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40 WHEREAS, on July 28, 2015, the then-mayor proclaimed Lawrence a “Welcoming City” to
41 immigrants, stating it is: “committed to building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our
42 community, where all people, including recent immigrants, are welcome, accepted and
43 integrated,” and
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45 WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants in the Lawrence community, including undocumented
46 students attending the University of Kansas, face a new and acute threat from the sentiments and
47 likely policies of the President-elect and his administration, and
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49 WHEREAS, if the city does not include policies that affirm its espoused commitment to these
50 individuals, its words of support will be revealed as empty, and
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52 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled
53 that we urgently request the City of Lawrence officials to explore and publicly disclose additional
54 protections it can and will afford to undocumented individuals in the community such as allowing
55 them to apply for a municipal identification card that would allow them to access services and
56 complete everyday tasks or barring city employees from asking individuals’ immigration status
57 which disincentivizes victims and witnesses from reporting crimes, and
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the
60 following entities:
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62 Mayor Amyx
63 Vice Mayor Leslie Soden
64 Commissioner Boley
65 Commissioner Herbert
66 Commissioner Larsen
67 Lawrence City Manager Tom Markus
68 HALO
69 Trio
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Stephon Alcorn
Student Body President


Gabby Naylor
Student Body Vice President

Veto