



Office of the Mayor and City Council

July 16, 2018

Senator Orrin G. Hatch
U.S. Senate SH104
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing you today to share the efforts that are being made in Park City to provide for the appropriate treatment of immigrants in our local community and to express serious concern over our federal government's treatment of refugees who are seeking asylum in our country.

By way of background, we have a vibrant cross section of Latinos who are valued members of our community. Their families make up at least a quarter of our population and make our community a better place to live by their contributions. Many are essential members of our resort community work force and our local construction industry.

We are proud of the heritage that they bring to our City, our work places, our schools and playgrounds, and are very concerned about Congress's inability to pass an immigration reform bill to address the urgent need to resolve the "Dreamer's" citizenship status.

Of grave concern to our residents are the recent reports that federal officials have separated minor children from their families at the border as they seek asylum. We fear that many families may never be reunited, notwithstanding federal judicial orders directing unifications.

We urge you to provide the administrative tools to our Federal Agencies to conduct their immigration policies in a humane and decent way. Park City believes the existing zero tolerance policy is flawed and needs to be urgently reworked, along with our national immigration policy.

As Congress considers legislation, Park City urges you to consider these comments. We are hopeful that this Administration can put together a reasonable and rational immigration policy, which will also include a workable citizenship pathway for the Dreamer population, of which there are many in the Park City area.

We very much appreciate your consideration of these important issues. Should you wish to discuss this further, I am happy to visit with you by phone or meet in person. Thank you for your esteemed service to the nation, Utah and the residents of Park City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy B." followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Park City Mayor, Andy Beerman

RESOLUTION 20-2018

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES THAT SEPARATE FAMILIES SEEKING ASYLUM

WHEREAS, the Park City Council has grave concerns regarding federal government officials separating minor children from their families at the U.S.–Mexico border as they seek asylum to enter our country;

WHEREAS, given the state of confusion that may reside in our federal immigration bureaucracy, we are concerned that many families may not ever be reunited, notwithstanding federal judicial orders directing such unifications;

WHEREAS, Park City has an important and vibrant cross section of our community who are Latino and Hispanic who are very important members of our society. These families make up at least twenty five percent of our population, and make Park City a better place to live by their contributions to our society;

WHEREAS, outstanding efforts are being made in Park City to provide for the appropriate treatment of all immigrants in our local community;

WHEREAS, Park City is proud of the heritage immigrants bring to our City, our work places, our schools and playgrounds, and are now very concerned about Congress's inability to pass an immigration reform bill and deal with the urgent need to resolve the "Dreamer's" ability to have certainty as to their citizenship status;

WHEREAS, we urge Congress to provide the administrative tools to our Federal Agencies to conduct their immigration policies in a humane and decent way. Park City believes the administration of the existing zero tolerance policy is seriously flawed and needs to be urgently reworked, along with our national immigration policy;

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors July 2, 2018 bipartisan open letter to the President and Congress, and Summit County, Utah's, recently adopted resolution on July 11, 2018, firmly opposed separations of families seeking asylum at our borders;

WHEREAS, as Congress considers legislation, we are hopeful that this Administration can yet put together a reasonable and more humane immigration policy, which will also include a workable citizenship pathway for the Dreamer population, of which there are many in the Park City area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK CITY COUNCIL OF PARK CITY, UTAH:

The Park City Council hereby declares its opposition to federal immigration policies that separate families seeking asylum and hereby declares its support of the United States Conference of Mayors July 2, 2018 bipartisan open letter to the President and Congress, and Summit County, Utah's, recently adopted resolution on July 11, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2018.

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Mayor Andy Beerman

Attest:

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Mark D. Harrington, City Attorney