

RESOLUTION 2021-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 937 (THE "VISION ACT")

WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California's heart and identity, and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home; and

WHEREAS, California's criminal justice system unjustly and disproportionately harms Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of SB 260, SB 261, SB 1437, AB 1812, which amended paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and Proposition 47, the Legislature and California voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our criminal justice system and ending mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, despite these reforms, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee community members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention beds, and approximately 70 percent of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been funneled through our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, California should not subject these community members to a cruel "double punishment," and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants; and

WHEREAS, ending ICE transfers in California is a reflection of the state's commitment to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the VISION Act (Assembly Bill 937), authored by Assemblymember Carrillo, prohibits jails, prisons, and other public agencies from funneling community members who are eligible for release to ICE jails where they endure deplorable conditions and face permanent separation from their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, through the passing of the VISION Act, California has an opportunity to set a model for the nation and advance a positive vision of a society based on care, healing, and transformation; and

WHEREAS, our community refuses to use local and state resources to separate children from their parents and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana values all members of our community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of all residents, including refugees and immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana, that:

Section 1. The City of Santa Ana is in strong support of the passing of the VISION Act in California.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the Clerk of Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2021.

Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho
City Attorney

By:_____

AYES:	Councilmembers	_____
NOES:	Councilmembers	_____
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers	_____
NOT PRESENT:	Councilmembers	_____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, DAISY GOMEZ, Clerk of the Council, do hereby certify the attached Resolution No. 2021 -XXX to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on _____, 2021.

Date: _____

Clerk of the Council
City of Santa Ana