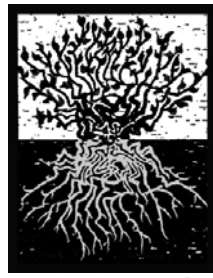


# Immigrant Rights are Human Rights

We will welcome immigrants into our neighborhoods and into our workplaces, in honor of our nation's immigrant history and in celebration of the strength and vitality of all of our communities. We will join together in declaring that no human being is illegal, and that no worker's wages and conditions are secure as long as another worker's vulnerability is exploited. We will secure freedom for all-including freedom from want and freedom from fear-regardless of citizenship status or country of origin. We will build a society that enshrines immigrants' right to organize, together with all of us, for better lives and stronger communities.

We welcome immigrants in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal rights of all members of the human family.

When we live up to our heritage as a nation of immigrants everyone benefits. Every person should be able to fully participate in and contribute to our society, regardless of his or her immigration status. With the Elm City Resident Card, the City of New Haven has set a positive national example by taking a step toward this goal. The use of racial profiling to criminalize



new immigrants and terrorize our neighborhoods is not acceptable. We condemn the ICE raids in which parents were snatched from their children and taken far away for detention without knowing their rights.

We call on the President and the Department of Homeland Security to place a moratorium on raids.

We call upon the Congress of the United States to enact comprehensive immigration legislation, which will:

- Protect the unity of the family and the wellbeing and safety of all children - both immigrant and U.S. citizen
- Protect and expand the labor rights and working conditions of U.S. and immigrant workers
- Strengthen due process for immigrants
- Provide an opportunity for undocumented immigrants who are contributing to our society through their labor and taxes, to legalize their status and have a clear path to citizenship
- Create a fair and responsive system of legal immigration into our country
- Revise international trade policies that contribute to undocumented migration.

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