



The People's Resolution

Creating a Path Forward on Immigration

We call on the Colorado delegation, Colorado Legislature, and Governor Polis to respond to four Colorado women speaking for thousands of others. As Endorsers we call on you to use the authority of your office to provide official mercy and advocacy in all Sanctuary cases, to enact policy changes at the State and Federal level allowing all Colorado residents to participate in the wellbeing of our state, and to create a path to status they can start walking down.

What are Araceli, Ingrid, Rosa and Sandra calling for?

We know Congress can create an immigration system that values the tapestry of our communities, the unity of our families and our humanity by creating a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented people.

As steps toward this goal, we call on Congress to:

- **Create a path for all Temporary Protected Status & DACA holders** to legal permanent residency and beyond
- **Maintain our commitment to human rights** by protecting asylum seekers
- **Restore paths to legal permanent residency for parents** of U.S. citizen children by repealing IIRIRA
- **Restore paths to citizenship** by giving back to judges the discretion to consider personal character by repealing IIRIRA
- **Create a transparent and timely path**, fulfilling our promise to families, by eliminating quotas that mean decades of waiting for millions of parents and their children.

We know our Colorado legislature and Governor can shield Coloradans from the most harmful impacts of our immigration policies and:

- **Uphold our constitution and require Immigration and Customs Enforcement to show a judicial warrant** in Colorado before receiving information about or detaining people
- **Provide a path for all Coloradans to participate** in stronger communities and ensure equal access to the justice system, meant to serve all Colorado residents, by creating a bright line between law enforcement and ICE, including between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and probation.
- **Safeguard Coloradans** against IIRIRA's devastating double jeopardy and deportation impacts through public advocacy and pardons

I Endorse the People's Resolution

(Please indicate your commitment) 

Name of Organization/Business/Faith Community
OR Name of Individual AND/OR Official Title:

Contact Person (if Different from Above):

Address (required, will not be shared publicly):

Phone:

Email:

Entity Type (please check box): Non-profit

Community Group Business Faith

Community Faith Leader Elected Official

Individual

To Join this Movement I commit to these steps to
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- I/we will invite the campaign to speak about the campaign to a group I'm a part of and share action alerts with our membership
- I/we are willing to speak publicly to the media in support
- I/we will join a delegation to lobby decision makers
- I/we will connect the campaign with elected officials, faith leaders
- I will gather endorsements from at least five friends
- I will help with data entry

Your support is urgent because...

Ingrid Encalada Latorre has lived in Colorado more than half her life; she and her partner, Eliseo, are raising two United States citizen children: Bryant (10) and Anibal (3); Ingrid is a well-known leader across the country; her only infraction has been to work to sustain herself, she completed all restitution and rehabilitation required of her, has expressed deep remorse for the impacts of our laws on the person impacted, and leads an educational campaign known as "No Mas Chuecos", her deportation proceedings continued;

Current law does not include a path for Ingrid to apply for status through her minor children nor through her citizen aunt. It is inhumane to punish people beyond the penalties imposed by the criminal justice system. A 1996 law (IIRIRA) removed the power of discretion from immigration judges to consider evidence of personal character. IIRIRA erased a path to status for mothers like Ingrid, depriving fairness to so many.

Rosa Sabido Rosa Sabido has lived the vast majority of the last 30 years in Colorado with her citizen stepfather and mother; Rosa is well-known and a fixture in southwest Colorado, between her catering business and position as a pool secretary for the Catholic Church; Rosa complied with the terms of ICE's Order of Supervision between 2008 and 2017; in 2017, without explanation, ICE denied her 7th application for a stay; Rosa has been the approved beneficiary of her citizen mother's immigration petition since 2001, but current law has delayed her mother's application for her by 17 years; this summer, Rosa's mother died and Rosa's application through her stepfather is now uncertain; it will still be many years before Rosa might be able to adjust to lawful permanent residency; **Current law delays Rosa's status for decades.** Congress' current family-based visa number limits (quotas) keep Rosa's approved petition in limbo. Rosa has been waiting for the opportunity to become a Lawful Permanent Resident all these years.

Araceli Velasquez Araceli Velasquez arrived in the United States seeking asylum in 2010 and faces a direct threat to her life if forced to return to El Salvador; she and her husband, Jorge, are raising three United States citizen children: Jorge Jr. (6), Christopher (4), and Kevin (2); her previous lawyers did not sufficiently prepare her asylum defense; ICE denied her stay application in 2017; **Current law does not include a path for Araceli's husband, who has Temporary Protected Status, to apply for her** nor to adjust his own status, and current law does not provide a path for her to apply through her minor children.

Sandra Lopez Sandra Lopez has lived in the United States continuously since 2001; Sandra is a well-known member of the Roaring Fork Valley community in Colorado, living there with her husband and raising their three United States citizen children: Areli (3), Edwin (14), and her oldest son, Alex (20), who completed his first year at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, studying mechanical engineering until having to leave school due to Sandra being in sanctuary; Sandra's deportation proceedings began with a wrongful arrest when one of her young kids dialed 911 and hung up; although all charges were immediately dropped, local police reported Sandra to ICE, after 10 months in sanctuary, Sandra was allowed to return home, but the possibility of her deportation continues; **Current law does not include a path for Sandra** to allow her to apply through her minor children and current law means deportation continues, even when charges are dropped.

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