



The People's Resolution

Creating a Path Forward on Immigration

We call on the Colorado delegation, Colorado Legislature, and Governor Hickenlooper 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:

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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 half her life, arriving at age 17, and is raising two US citizen children - Bryant (9) and Anibal (2). She is well-known across the country. Her deportation began after she worked with false papers to sustain herself and her family. She completed restitution and rehabilitation and expressed deep remorse for the harm caused to the person impacted. Despite this, Congress tied a judge's hands to consider allowing her to stay. She was ordered deported.

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 has lived the majority of the last 30 years in southwestern Colorado with her step-father and mother, both US citizens. She's a central fixture in the Valley, known for her catering business and as a secretary for the Catholic Church. She is the main support for her aging parents. She completed the terms of ICE's Order of Supervision between 2008 and 2017 and received Stays of Removal between 2011 and 2017. Last year, ICE denied her application for a Stay. She has been the approved beneficiary of her mother's immigration petition since 2001.

Rosa's path to status has been delayed for 17 years. 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. Under current limits, Rosa's wait may continue for more than another ten years.

Araceli Velasquez came to the US seeking asylum in 2010 where her life is directly threatened. Returning with her children to El Salvador is impossible. She and her husband Jorge are raising three US citizen children, Jorge Jr (4), Christopher (3) and Kevin (14 months). She is a stay at home mom, while Jorge works full time. Her previous lawyers did not sufficiently prepare her asylum defense and 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 has lived in the United States continuously since 2001 and is a well-known member of Roaring Fork Valley Colorado community. She lives here with her husband, raising their three US citizen children Areli (2) and Edwin (13), and her oldest son Alex (19), (attending his first year at Mesa State University studying mechanics). Sandra's deportation began with a wrongful arrest when one of her young kids dialed 911 and hung up. All charges were immediately dropped. However, because of a state law (since repealed), local sheriffs reported Sandra to ICE.

Current law does not include a path for Sandra to allow her to apply through her minor children and current law means deportation continues against Coloradans, even when charges are dropped or they are found innocent. Current law does not include a path to status for long term residents of Colorado.

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