

A RESOLUTION FOR ASSISTANCE TO CARRBORO RESIDENTS WHO ARE  
BENEFICIARIES OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has long shown support for immigrant communities by calling for comprehensive reform of immigration law and policy, working to defeat wage theft, and supporting training and outreach programs for immigrant workers; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution declaring Carrboro to be a welcoming community for minors seeking refuge from violence in their home countries, and urging the federal government to ensure that those seeking safety in the United States receive due process and legal representation; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, the US Department of Homeland Security established the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides to certain immigrants who entered the United States before the age of 16 years a two-year renewable period of deferred action on deportation and eligibility to request employment authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security had previously announced the phase-out of the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has now allowed for continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program until next session, which means that DACA renewal requests will continue to be accepted by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security; and,

WHEREAS, El Centro Hispano has worked with DACA recipients to complete their documentation for free, the filing fee for a DACA request is \$495 and cannot be waived; and

WHEREAS, the cost of legal services may be unaffordable for many persons, even those above the federal poverty limit, many individuals must rely on nonprofit service providers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for financial assistance for DACA recipients in Carrboro to file DACA application with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen awards a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to El Centro Hispano to assist Carrboro residents who are DACA beneficiaries with costs related to DACA renewal applications. Eligible use of this grant may include, but not limited to, staff time required to provide services to beneficiaries; renewal application fees for beneficiaries; and referral to legal services.

SECTION 2: The Board of Aldermen authorizes the use of \$10,000 from the Board's contingency budget for the purposes in Section 1.

SECTION 3. Space may be made available on Town facilities, if available, for information sessions on the DACA program and for attorneys to meet with clients to prepare DACA renewal requests and to provide related legal services pro bono.

SECTION 4. The Town Manager is authorized to undertake the necessary administrative and budgetary actions to implement this Resolution.

SECTION 5. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Town's Finance Officer within five (5) days of adoption.

SECTION 6: This Resolution is effective immediately.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2019.