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**WHEREAS, immigrants pay billions of dollars annually in taxes and contribute to the growth and stability of the U.S. economy;**

**WHEREAS, immigrants enhance the cultural fabric of our country;**

**WHEREAS, the vast majority of undocumented immigrants now in the United States work and are otherwise law abiding;**

**WHEREAS, a 2018 study published in *Criminology* found that "increases in the undocumented immigrant population in state are associated with significant decreases in the prevalence of violence;"**

**WHEREAS, a 2015 American Immigration Council report found that during the same time the immigrant population in the U.S. more than tripled (1990-2013), Federal Bureau of Investigation data showed that the violent crime rate declined 48 percent;**

**WHEREAS, the Public Policy Institute of California reported that immigrant adults have lower incarceration rates than U.S. born adults in California: 297 per 100,000 in the immigrant population, compared to 813 per 100,000 for U.S.-born adults;**

**WHEREAS, contributions by and just treatment of immigrants are essential to the national interest;**

**WHEREAS, it is the sworn duty of elected officials to uphold the law and not to encourage the unlawful treatment of anyone, even if they are not legal residents of this country;**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor of San Jose Sam Liccardo is using the tragic death of Bambi Larson to conflate immigration and crime;**

**WHEREAS, Mayor Liccardo is perpetuating a stereotype that immigrants, particularly those of Latino decent, are dangerous criminals;**

**WHEREAS, Mayor Liccardo's statements decrease public safety, vilify the immigrant community and incite fear, hostility and violence directed at immigrants;**

**WHEREAS, Mayor Liccardo's statements seek to deny immigrants their basic Constitutional rights to Due Process;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that we condemn the deceitful, damaging and demagogic statements of Mayor Sam Liccardo and any other politician who falsely equates immigration with crime; and**

**Be it further resolved that we call on Mayor Liccardo to immediately stop his demagoguery and instead seek to repair the damage to our community that he has done.**

