



# Monterey County

## Board Order

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Upon motion of Supervisor Salinas, seconded by Supervisor Potter and carried by those members present, the Board of Supervisors hereby:

Receive a report and approved Resolution No. 13-089 recommendation from the Legislative Committee in response to a Board Referral related to possible adoption of a resolution in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of March 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Salinas, Parker, and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Calcagno

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 76 for the meeting on March 19, 2013.

Dated: March 21, 2013  
File Number: 13-0260

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By *Denise Hancock*  
Deputy

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 13-089**

Our nation’s immigrants have made invaluable )  
contributions to the progress of the United States, )  
and immigrants continue to enrich the social, )  
economic, cultural and civic life of our country. )  
Our immigration policies must recognize these )  
contributions, as well as the important role that )  
immigrant workers and their families play in the )  
future growth of our nation. In order to best )  
ensure our nation’s security, our immigration )  
enforcement measures must be effective, fair and )  
humane. Thus, we believe that comprehensive )  
immigration reform must be accomplished in )  
accordance with the following principles..... )

**WHEREAS**, Immigration is a federal responsibility and a comprehensive approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen our County of Monterey and nation’s economy and liberates aspiring citizens to make an even greater contribution to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Becoming a citizen in the United States means taking a solemn oath to uphold our nation’s Constitution, and

**WHEREAS**, We believe in the human dignity of all County of Monterey residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of immigrants’ many contributions to the social and economic fabric of the County of Monterey; and

**WHEREAS**, Keeping families together not only is the right thing to do, but is also good for the economy because families provide a base of support that increases worker productivity and spurs entrepreneurship; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a realistic pathway to citizenship for all hardworking, taxpaying, aspiring citizens who live in the U.S. if they meet reasonable requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a mechanism for aspiring citizens who have grown up in this country to become U.S. citizens and be able to fully contribute to our joint future; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a meaningful opportunity for immigrant students to pursue a college education; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive immigration reform must update the legal immigration system so that the future flow of immigrant workers more realistically matches our nation's labor needs and is structured to protect the wages and working conditions of U.S. and immigrant workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Any new worker visa program must provide for strict compliance with U.S. labor standards and wage and hour standards; portability of visas so that workers can change jobs; and the ability for workers to petition for permanent residency; and

**WHEREAS**, Understanding the importance agriculture plays in the economy of Monterey County, securing a reliable, competent, and legal workforce for Monterey County's farms and ranches is essential and needs to be addressed through legislative reform that specifically includes an Agricultural Visa Program component that meets the needs of both agricultural employers and agricultural workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprehensive immigration reform must reduce the unreasonable wait times and arbitrary rules that keep families separated from their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, Internal and border law enforcement should focus on preventing criminals, drug cartels and other bad actors from entering the U.S. or engaging in criminal activities; and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY:** That this Board of Supervisors urges the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform as outlined in this resolution that addresses full legalization with a path to citizenship and future immigration of families and workers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the United States President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senate Majority Leader; and to the California Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor Salinas, seconded by Supervisor Potter, and carried this 19th day of March 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Calcagno

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 76 for the meeting on March 12, 2013.

Dated: March 21, 2013  
File Number: 13-0260

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By Denise Hanerock  
Deputy