



City of San Diego

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STATEMENT

SAN DIEGO, California (April 17, 2013) --- Councilman Kersey issued the following statement regarding the federal immigration reform proposal filed today: **“Immigration has a direct and tangible impact on the San Diego-Tijuana border region. It impacts citizens and non-citizens alike. Washington, D.C. must make changes that ensure a safe border, unite families and strengthen our economy. We have seen good work from the Senate ‘Gang of Eight,’ and I am optimistic Congress will pass common-sense immigration reform this year.”**

Last week, San Diego became one of the first U.S. cities to support current reform efforts when the City Council unanimously approved a resolution co-authored by Councilmen Kersey and Alvarez. The resolution points to the status quo’s social and economic implications for the City and calls for an efficient and safe border, a pathway to citizenship, improving the visa process, and more. Councilman Kersey will also be lobbying the San Diego congressional delegation in favor of bipartisan immigration reform.

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