

RESOLUTION NO. 07-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH OPPOSING IMMIGRATION RAIDS CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the United States Government has recently been conducting raids in the homes of Mendota, California, area residents for the purpose of deporting undocumented foreign nationals; and

WHEREAS, these raids have resulted in as many as 200 area families being split apart, having a devastating effect upon those families, including many minor children who are citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these raids also have a devastating effect upon the agricultural-based Mendota area economy, as they have removed productive workers, intimidated hundreds or thousands more, and have instilled fear in many thousands of area residents; and

WHEREAS, these raids threaten, in a similar way, the residents and agricultural-based economy of the City of Fresno and other San Joaquin Valley Cities; and

WHEREAS, these raids have been conducted in a manner that violates the civil rights of area residents, guaranteed by the United State Constitution, by their unequal application, heavy-handed tactics, and lack of sensitivity to unique local needs and concerns; and

WHEREAS, it is fully understood that this is a Nation of laws and that immigration laws are necessary, but such laws must be applied and enforced in a manner consistent with civil, familial, and related rights of all affected individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Firebaugh disapproves and condemns the enforcement actions of the, Government of the United States in conducting raids in and around the Mendota and Fresno County area for the purpose of deportation of undocumented foreign nationals residing and working in the area; and

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Firebaugh this 30th day of April, 2007.

AYES: Council Member(s)

NOES: Council Member(s)

ABSTAIN: Council Member(s)

ABSENT: Council Member(s)

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Priscilla Meza
City Clerk

Craig Knight
Mayor

