

RESOLUTION NO. 07-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LAWS AND ACTIONS PERTAINING TO IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California, acknowledges, observes, and complies with the laws of the United States, including the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA); and

WHEREAS, the IIRIRA states in part “Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State or local law, a Federal, State or local government entity or official may not prohibit or in any way restrict any government entity or official from sending to or receiving from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (ICE) information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual;” and

WHEREAS, federal laws relating to immigration are inadequate, generally fail to control illegal immigration, and are in need of reform; and

WHEREAS, the federal State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) may reimburse State and local governments a portion of the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law and who are incarcerated for at least four consecutive days during the reporting period; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States fails to reimburse local governments all other costs of investigation, arrest, and transportation of illegal immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California as follows:

1. The City of Ridgecrest calls on the United States government to enact meaningful reform of the current laws pertaining to immigration.
2. The City of Ridgecrest calls on the United States government to enforce federal immigration laws to secure our borders, seaports, and airports.
3. The City of Ridgecrest calls on the United States government to develop policies which effectively promote English fluency among new legal immigrants.
4. The City of Ridgecrest calls on the United States government to reimburse local governments for all costs incurred by local governments resulting from the federal government’s failure to control illegal immigration.

5. The Ridgecrest Police Department is directed to continue its practice of full cooperation and sharing information with ICE, the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal agencies regarding immigration matters in accordance with federal law.

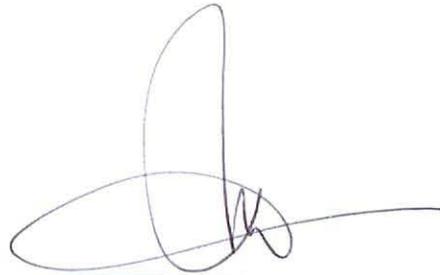
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

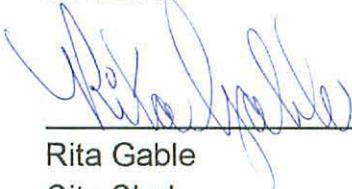
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Marshall "Chip" Holloway, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rita Gable
City Clerk