

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 13-081
50th Anniversary Commemoration of
Martin Luther King's National March in Washington, DC
"Fulfill the Dream" -- National March for Immigrant Rights

WHEREAS, the current debate in Congress over immigration reform is the best opportunity in recent memory for the immigrant rights and civil rights movement to step into the streets once again and fight for the full citizenship rights that immigrants in America deserve.

WHEREAS, since 2006 when the immigrant rights movement first burst onto the streets of big cities and small towns all across America, and marched by the millions, undocumented young people in state after state have been coming out of the shadows.

WHEREAS, the immigrants right and labor movement must mobilize as many immigrants and immigrant rights supporters to ensure that the promises being made to pass the DREAM Act are kept and to ensure the broadest possible freedoms and rights be secured for all immigrants living in America, especially in anticipation of anti-immigrant opposition to any pathway to citizenship.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2013, tens of thousands of people rallied and marched on Washington, D.C. in a national immigrant rights march made up of over 40 labor unions, immigrant rights organization, community, and student groups in support of immigrant rights and a pathway to citizenship.

WHEREAS, the movement is strong but needs to keep fighting. As a result of the April 10 march, the bill that is being debated in the Senate includes the strongest yet provisions for the DREAM Act, and also gains in due process rights for immigrants who are detained in detention centers and in danger of being deported.

WHEREAS, without the voices of the Latina/o and immigrant communities leading the debate through the collective mobilizations, even these gains will be lost over the course of months of negotiations between the Senate and the House of Representatives. Additionally, there are provisions in the existing bill that counter the ideals of equality and dignity, including a policies that would continue separating families.

WHEREAS, August 28, 2013 is the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech and March on Washington. Civil rights, immigrant rights, student and labor supporters will be marching again to commemorate Dr. King's march and to fulfill the dream to make a historic difference in the lives of 12 million undocumented immigrants, their families, and communities.

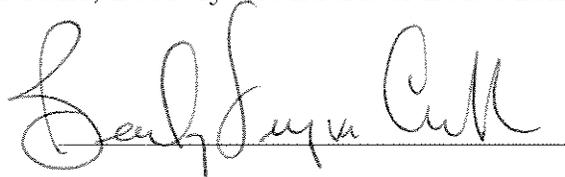
WHEREAS, members of Berkeley's increasingly diverse immigrant communities who are a fundamental part of the fabric of Berkeley's diverse population are committed to mobilizing to the August 28 March on Washington to fight for full citizenship rights for all immigrants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley School Board supports the National Immigrant Rights March on Washington, D.C. on August 28, 2013 as part of the 50th Anniversary commemoration of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech and national march.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2013 by the Board of Education.



Karen Hemphill, President



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