

June 12, 2024

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2023, Senate Bill 4 was signed into law by the Texas Legislature, and was scheduled to go into effect on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4 authorizes local law enforcement agencies to arrest people they suspect crossed into the United States unlawfully and creates a system whereby Texas state and local magistrates have the power to remove individuals from the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has long held that enforcement of immigration law is the purview of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas values public safety and quality of life for all residents and visitors, and nearly one quarter of Dallas residents is from a country other than the United States.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas embraces and welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds, and the City of Dallas has concerns regarding Senate Bill 4, including the strain on local resources and the impact on vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas serves residents on a daily basis to deliver public services, and requesting or investigating immigration status during those interactions is a federal matter outside the city's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the vibrancy and cultural diversity of Dallas are enriched by its immigrant communities, with immigrants present in 39.9 percent of households; and

WHEREAS, immigrants play a key role in advancing Dallas's economy, comprising 28.9 percent of the local workforce and representing 38.9 percent of business owners in the city; and

WHEREAS, immigrants in Dallas pay federal, state, and local taxes, including property, sales, and excise taxes levied by state and local governments, including \$1.6 billion that went to federal taxes and \$900.6 million that went to state and local taxes in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has a shortage of uniformed police officers and compliance with Senate Bill 4 would strain police resources and negatively impact relationships with our communities; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas condemns Senate Bill 4 in its current form due to its potential negative impact on public safety and community relations.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas emphasizes the importance of maintaining cooperation and trust between city officials, law enforcement, and the community.

SECTION 3. That the City of Dallas urges the state legislature to consider the concerns raised by the city and work collaboratively to find solutions that prioritize public safety and respect the diverse communities within the City of Dallas.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.