PRESS CONFERENCE

Fresno to Support DACA Recipients in Legal Brief to Supreme Court

When: **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.**

Where: **City Hall 2600 Fresno Street, 2nd floor foyer**

Fresno, CA – Council Vice President, Miguel Arias, Council Members Esmeralda Soria, Nelson Esparza and community leaders will hold a press conference Wednesday in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) cases currently before the United States Supreme Court. The Council will hear a resolution at their meeting on Thursday at 2:00 PM at Fresno City Hall (2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721) to consider joining the legal brief with 40 cities representing more than half of DACA recipients nationwide, including Los Angeles, New York and Houston.

"Given Congress' failure to protect Dreamers, our civic, faith and educational leaders are calling on the Supreme Court to ensure nearly 1 million hardworking students and professionals are allowed to contribute to our economy and live without fear of deportation," Arias said.

DACA recipients, those who arrived to the U.S. as children, are students and professionals. Nationwide, 20,000 DACA recipients work as teachers, 5,000 are in California alone. Recognizing the important contributions made by DACA recipients in the US, the Fresno City Council approved a resolution to support DACA implementation in 2015. The program has enabled almost 800,000 hardworking young immigrants to attend school, work and contribute to the economy while allowing them to live without the fear of deportation. 5,000 Fresnans are DACA recipients.

The Council will vote Thursday to join the legal brief in support of DACA cases.

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