

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 177

Approved May 25, 2010

WHEREAS, Arizona Senate Bill 1070 violates the exclusive authority of the federal government over immigration policy by allowing local and state police to enforce federal immigration laws;; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Senate Bill 1070 allows for police officers to profile residents and request proof of residency during any stop, detention, or arrest; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the new law, immigrant and minority communities will become even less trusting of police, victims and witnesses of crimes who are or who have family members whose presence in the United States is unauthorized are unlikely to report crimes, despite legal exceptions within the bill; and

WHEREAS, Failure to report crimes serves as a serious impediment to effective law enforcement and prevents police from taking dangerous criminals off the streets; and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County, Arizona has already established some of the nation's strictest and most aggressive local enforcement of federal immigration law; and

WHEREAS, Independent analysis of Maricopa County's efforts have found local enforcement of immigration law is "bad policy, prone to serious abuses of civil liberties, imposes costs on taxpayers that far outweigh its benefits, and exact a high opportunity cost as officers focus on illegal immigrant laborers while more serious crimes go unpunished and 911 calls take significantly longer to answer."; and

WHEREAS, It is the fundamental responsibility of the City of Providence to decide where, how, and by whom financial resources in its control should be invested; and

WHEREAS, It is the prerogative of the City of Providence, in respect to investment resources in its control, not to participate in an ownership or capital-providing capacity with entities that provide significant practical support for racial profiling and institutionalized racial discrimination, such as the State of Arizona through its adoption of Arizona Senate Bill 1070; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence may engage in business practices with Arizona directly or indirectly through activities such as investment in state or municipal bonds and travel to Arizona for conferences and events; and

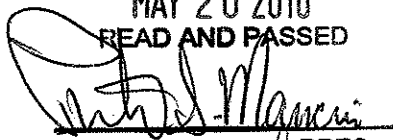
WHEREAS, Numerous municipalities around the country have condemned Arizona for adopting Senate Bill 1070, including the City of Austin, TX, the City of Boston, MA, the City of El Paso, TX, the City of Flagstaff, AZ, the City of Inwood, NY, the City of Oakland, CA, the City of Pasadena, CA, the City of Portland, OR, the City of Sacramento, CA, the City of San Diego, CA, the City of San Francisco, CA, the City of San Jose, CA, the City of Santa Ana, CA, and the City of St. Paul, MN.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby condemn the State of Arizona for its adoption of Senate Bill 1070.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby call on the State of Arizona to repeal Senate Bill 1070 as soon as possible.

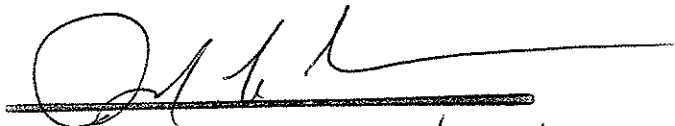
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence should not to participate in any business activities connected with the State of Arizona or municipalities in Arizona until Senate Bill 1070 has been repealed.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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