

Wilmington, Delaware
June 18, 2015

WHEREAS, immigrant populations have historically played, and will continue to play, an essential role in Delaware's economic, culture and social development; and

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Sponsor:

Council Member Cabrera

Co-Sponsors:

Council Members D. Brown Shabazz

WHEREAS, individuals without valid documentation face a range of daunting barriers that serve to limit their ability to achieve success and pursue a higher quality of living, including restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles and a deterrence from reporting crime to, or interacting with, law enforcement to an extent that their safety can be threatened; and

WHEREAS, The Delaware General Assembly has introduced Senate Bill No. 59, which creates the means for an undocumented immigrant to apply for, and obtain, valid driving privileges in the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly has also introduced Senate Bill No. 60, which would establish the Delaware Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Initiative, and seeks to enhance trust between immigrants and members of Delaware's law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 60 would further codify existing procedures and protocol among Delaware law enforcement agencies, prohibiting officers and agencies from stopping, arresting, searching or detaining any individual on the sole basis of his or her citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports these companion bills and applauds the initiative of the General Assembly in seeking to address some of the inequities and injustices facing a significant portion of the First State's population.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council supports Senate Bill No. 59 and 60, and respectfully encourages members of the Delaware General Assembly to support both pieces of legislation; together, they promise to ensure that all Delawareans, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, can feel welcomed and be treated in an equitable and humane manner.

Passed by City Council,
June 18, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 18th
day of June, 2015.

Michael J. Viggiani
City Solicitor